September 8, 2020

Dear Members of the Board,

As I sit here in my living room hearing the planes land and take off from Witherspoon's Landing Strip (we share a property line), I would like to extend an invitation to the signers of the letter the Select Board received concerning the noise from planes landing at Watson's this summer. I invite each of them to sit in my living room and listen to the noise of the planes landing and taking off next door. Perhaps that would put the sound they hear more in perspective. I believe their concerns are a bit overblown. Will I complain about noise? No. My only concern is for the safety of those flying in and out on a short runway and people traveling by the end of the strip when flights are coming or going.

Penobscot Island Air has served the islands of Penobscot Bay for many years with mail, FedEx, and UPS deliveries. Even more importantly PIA has made countless emergency flights, day and night, to transport people, pets, and much needed parts. With Kevin Waters' untimely death, we should be doing everything in our power to help PIA stay in business. Most year 'round people welcome this service as more and more people order from Amazon, Target and other places. I found the letter from the North Shore summer residents petty and shortsighted.

Sincerely,

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