



East Hampton Town Board

159 Pantigo Road
East Hampton, NY 11937

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2011-116

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Department: Town Attorney

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Create Multi-Town Helicopter Noise Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, the Town of East Hampton operates a general municipal airport at Wainscott which benefits the residents of the Town of East Hampton as well as those in neighboring communities and

WHEREAS, the Town has been active in seeking solutions to the impacts of helicopter noise through compliance with voluntary noise abatement measures, including the establishment of new helicopter approach and departure paths, minimum altitudes and voluntary curfews; as well as other measures including but not limited to the submission of comments to the FAA on its proposed rulemaking Regulation 2010-0302, which, if adopted, would establish a northerly helicopter route with minimum altitudes over water along the north shore of Long Island; and

WHEREAS, the Town is aware that noise generated by helicopters to and from the East End Airports - East Hampton Airport (HTO), Gabreski Airport (FOK), Southampton Village Heliport (87N) and Montauk Airport (MTP) - has negative impacts upon eastern Long Island residents; and

WHEREAS, the Towns of East Hampton, Southampton, Southold and Shelter Island agreed upon a joint response to such proposed FAA rulemaking as set forth in the response dated June 24, 2010 addressed to J. Randolph Babbitt of the Federal Aviation Administration, RE: Docket Operations M-30, which letter was signed by the Supervisors of East Hampton, Shelter Island, Southampton and Southold; and

WHEREAS, the Town of East Hampton desires to work with the other east-end towns to develop suggestions for area-wide approaches to mitigate impacts of helicopter noise on eastern Long Island communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of East Hampton hereby creates the Multi-town Helicopter Noise Advisory Committee, to be composed of representatives of the towns of East Hampton, Southampton, Southold, Shelter Island and Riverhead; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such Committee shall be charged with reviewing noise from helicopter traffic and advising the Town of East Hampton and the East End Mayors and Supervisors, upon an invitation of a majority thereof, to present their findings and recommendations concerning

- a. Voluntary solutions, such as re-routing helicopters.
- b. Longer term solutions such as legislation and regulation.
- c. Protocols, findings and recommendations of any area-wide noise mitigation and traffic studies. and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of East Hampton shall hereafter appoint to such Committee a founding member as an East Hampton Town representative; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hon. Councilperson Dominick Stanzione is also appointed as a member to the Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Boards of the Towns of Southampton, Shelter Island, Southold and Riverhead are hereby invited to nominate a member from their respective Towns to sit on the Committee, for approval by the Town of East Hampton; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in addition to the designated members appointed by each Town to the Committee, each municipality having an airport within its boundaries shall be asked to appoint to the Committee their respective airport managers as non-voting members to provide their expertise to assist the Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Hon. Kenneth P. LaValle, New York State Senator, and the Hon. Fred W. Thiele, Jr., New York State Assemblyman, are hereby invited to participate in the Committee by virtue of their respective positions as non-voting members, observers and advisors to the committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, in the future, with the approval of existing voting members, representatives of additional municipalities may be invited to become members of the Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, the Committee shall recognize that the communication of any suggested actions should be made only to the Town of East Hampton and the Town Supervisors and that no members shall engage any other local, state or federal agencies or any helicopter owners or helicopter associations directly on behalf of the Committee or any Town members thereof; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Multi-town Helicopter Noise Advisory Committee shall hereafter be the official committee to advise the Town Board on helicopter noise issues and any and all previous airport noise advisory committees shall be discontinued of no further force and effect.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dominick Stanzione, Councilman
SECONDER:	Julia Prince, Councilwoman
AYES:	Hammerle, Quigley, Prince, Stanzione, Wilkinson