

Resolution RES-2012-832

Adopted Aug 2, 2012 7:00 PM

Intent to Pursue Use Restrictions at East Hampton Airport

Information

Department: Town Attorney **Category:** Approvals **Functions:** Misc. **Sponsors:** Councilwoman Theresa Quigley

Body

WHEREAS, there is considerable community concern about noise and related impacts from aviation operations at the East Hampton Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Town has been collecting data on operations at East Hampton Airport for the purpose of assessing noise and community concerns about aviation operations at the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the collection of that data is necessary to provide the legal and factual justification for imposing any restriction on use of the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Town has recently made a commitment to increase both the quality and quantity of data collected about aviation noise and operations; and

WHEREAS, it is today legally permissible for the Town to pursue and then impose a restriction on use of the Airport by helicopters and other stage II aircraft without the approval of the FAA; and

WHEREAS, that legal authority is not affected by whether the Town receives further FAA grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town cannot lawfully impose a restriction on helicopters at the Airport without first conducting a study that demonstrates the existence of a noise problem; and

WHEREAS, it is important to analyze the data before the Town Board can make a thoughtful and reasonable decision on whether to impose a restriction on the use of the Airport; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Airport Manager and DY Consultants (through their subconsultant, Harris Miller Miller & Hanson, Inc. (HMMH)) are directed to assess and evaluate data that has been (and continues to be) collected on noise and operations at the Airport for the purpose of providing recommendations to the Town Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, within the next 3-6 months, Airport Manager and consultants are directed to prepare a report for the Town Board setting forth their conclusions on whether the data can justify a restriction on operations by helicopters at the Airport and, if so, what restriction would be most effective in light of the available data; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Airport Manager present at the same time a recommended process for public involvement and input that will lead to the Town Board formally considering and adopting any such restriction.

Meeting History

Aug 2, 2012 7:00 PM VideoEast Hampton Town BoardRegular Meeting

RESULT:ADOPTED [3 TO 2]MOVER:Theresa Quigley, CouncilwomanSECONDER:Dominick Stanzione, CouncilmanAYES:Theresa Quigley, Dominick Stanzione, William WilkinsonNAYS:Peter Van Scoyoc, Sylvia Overby