



East Hampton Town Board

159 Pantigo Road
East Hampton, NY 11937

ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2014-1471

Meeting: 12/18/14 06:30 PM

Department: Town Attorney

Category: Agreements, Contracts, Leases

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Authorize Phase III Noise Study, East Hampton Airport

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution 2012-832, indicated its intent to begin the study process to determine whether to adopt restrictions on the use of the East Hampton Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board, by Resolution 2014-1180, resolved to complete the appropriate analysis to determine whether to adopt restrictions on use of the East Hampton Airport by some aircraft (including helicopters); and

WHEREAS, the Town has completed the first and second phase of its noise study addressing disturbance from operations at the East Hampton Airport, and presented those results for comment by the public and interested stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the second phase of the noise study resulted in a proposed problem statement and a narrowing of the range of reasonable alternatives to consider for further study to address the impacts of the East Hampton Airport on East End communities; and

WHEREAS, that problem statement is as follows: “Noise from aircraft operating at East Hampton Airport disturbs many residents of the East End of Long Island. Residents find helicopters more disturbing than any category of fixed-wing aircraft. Disturbance caused by all types of aircraft is most significant when operations are (1) most frequent and (2) in evening and night hours”; and

WHEREAS, phase three of the noise study will analyze the most promising alternatives, or package of measures, that practically could address the problem that was identified in phase two; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board expects the results of the third phase of the noise study to provide valuable information for the Town Board regarding the ability to achieve the Town’s objectives to limit the impacts of the East Hampton Airport on East End communities; and

WHEREAS, this third phase of the noise study is anticipated to culminate in a presentation to the Town Board and the public at the February 3, 2105, work session, which is expected to provide the Board with information necessary for it to decide whether to formally adopt a restriction on use of the East Hampton Airport, and

WHEREAS, following that presentation, the Town Board intends to authorize a fourth and final phase of the noise study which will include preparation of the required State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) environmental analysis to consider a restriction on use of the East

Hampton Airport, with a goal of being able to adopt a restriction on use of the East Hampton Airport by no later than April 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board continues actively to encourage comment and participation by the public, residents and stakeholders throughout the East End to ensure that the Town has the most complete available information from all perspectives before making any decision on restrictions at the East Hampton Airport; and

WHEREAS, HMMH was retained to complete phase two of the noise study and the Town has determined that HMMH, which is an international leader in environmental noise and vibration control and airport and airspace planning, is the most qualified to undertake the work required in the third phase of the study; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board finds that the adoption of this resolution is classified as a Type II Action under SEQRA pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c)(21) and Town Code Chapter 128, and as such, no further environmental review is required; and be it further

RESOLVED, that HMMH is hereby retained for the work required for the third phase of the Town's noise study at the East Hampton Airport as more fully set forth in its proposal and scope of work; and be it further

RESOLVED, that HMMH shall be paid for such work at the rates set forth in its proposal and upon the terms set forth in the Town's requests for proposals in an amount not to exceed \$79,000 from the Outside Professional line SX5610 54520, with \$25,000 anticipated to be spent in 2014 and \$54,000 anticipated to be spent in 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an Agreement with HMMH, with said agreement to be subject to the review and approval of the Town Attorney.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Peter Van Scoyoc, Councilman
AYES:	Burke-Gonzalez, Van Scoyoc, Overby, Overton, Cantwell