



East Hampton Town Board  
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ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 2015-418**

## Resolution Memorializing Goals for the East Hampton Airport

Whereas, the Town Board committed to studying and resolving the disturbance from noise associated with East Hampton Airport ("Airport") operations for the 2015 calendar season; and

Whereas, the Town Board, in furtherance of its commitment, adopted three local laws restricting the use of the Airport in an effort to address noise disturbance; and

Whereas, the Town Board recognizes that the adoption of these local laws represents only an initial step in the Town's commitment to studying and resolving Airport matters; and now, therefore be it

Resolved, that in furtherance of these commitments the Town Board hereby adopts the following goals regarding the Airport:

- 1. Maintain the Airport as Safe and Efficient.** The Town Board as proprietor and operator of the Airport, shall commit to implementing a methodical capital and maintenance plan for Airport facilities to operate a safe and properly maintained self-sufficient facility without burdening taxpayers; The Town shall work closely with the Airport engineer to identify priorities for maintenance and capital improvements, with a focus on maintaining and enhancing safety.
- 2. Local Laws.** The enactment of the three local laws amending Chapter 75 shall address restrictions on the use of the Airport to ensure peace and quiet at night and in the evening and morning hours, limit the number of noisy helicopters and jets while still allowing reasonable access to the Airport.
- 3. Study the Effectiveness of the New Laws.** The Town shall professionally study and evaluate the effectiveness of our initial efforts - including the new local laws - following the 2015 summer season. These studies will include analysis of the financial impact of the restrictions, their effect on noise and complaints, the diversion of traffic to other airports, and the effects of the restrictions on aircraft operators. The Town shall convene a public meeting after the 2015 season to present the results of these studies and to hear from the public to determine whether any changes are required in the restrictions for the 2016 season.
- 4. Airport Management Advisory Committee.** The Town Board shall appoint an Airport Management Advisory Committee to be responsible for advising the Town Board and the Airport Director on the operation, maintenance, finances, capital improvements, and preservation of the East Hampton Airport. The Committee will consolidate the several existing advisory committees into a single advisory group.
- 5. Coordinate with the Congressional Delegation.** The Town shall continue to work closely with Congressman Zeldin in his efforts to convince the FAA to require

helicopters to maintain a minimum altitude in their flights from New York City to the East End. The Town will also seek assistance from Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and other interested Members of Congress to ensure that our concerns are part of Congress' debate over reauthorization of the FAA.

- 6. Partner with Eastern Region Helicopter Council.** The Town Board shall continue to work with the Eastern Region Helicopter Council and other industry stakeholders to pursue its offer to develop voluntary procedures to mitigate helicopter noise in the short-term.
- 7. Work with the FAA on Flight Tracks.** The Town shall invite the FAA, airport users, and industry groups, to join it in finding long-term solutions to noise problems that can be resolved by addressing flight tracks, altitudes, and flight procedures. The Town shall request and work with the FAA to establish a regional task force to review problems throughout the East End in furtherance of a regional solution.
- 8. Improved Technology.** The Town shall improve its ability to record and track airport operations and noise problems through installation of an Airport Noise and Operations Monitoring System (ANOMS) and will work with the Air Traffic Control Tower, our operations billing contractor, Vector, and the operator of our complaint system, PlaneNoise, to ensure the Town has the best data available on airport operations.

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