



## **Town Board Meeting of March 18, 2016 East Hampton, New York**

### **I. Call to Order**

10:00 AM Meeting called to order on March 18, 2016 at Town Hall Meeting Room, 159 Pantigo Road, East Hampton, NY.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Kathee Burke-Gonzalez	Town of East Hampton	Councilwoman	Present	
Peter Van Scoyoc	Town of East Hampton	Councilman	Present	
Sylvia Overby	Town of East Hampton	Councilwoman	Present	
Fred Overton	Town of East Hampton	Councilman	Present	
Larry Cantwell	Town of East Hampton	Supervisor	Present	
Carole A. Brennan	Town of East Hampton	Town Clerk	Present	
Michael Sendlenski	Town of East Hampton	Town Attorney	Present	

### **II. AIRPORT NOISE and DATA DISCUSSION**

Len Bernard, Town Budget Officer gave a report on the financial overview and budget analysis of the Airport. This is a self sufficient budget account. There is no tax levy for this district. He states that in 2014 and 2015 it looks like the district has broke even with a remaining healthy surplus. The airport has a yearly budget of just over six million dollars.

Peter Kirsch, of Kaplan Kirsch and Rockwell gave an update on the goals for the airport. He mentioned that the slides he is going through are available on the Town's Web Site, also comments can be sent to [HTOcomments@ehamptonny.gov](mailto:HTOcomments@ehamptonny.gov). He states that there will have to be core drillings; tree removal; and many other items. He spoke about the progress on each of the eight goals they have set. There are seven law suits in regards to the curfews that were imposed.

Michael Sendlenski, Town Attorney spoke about the 2015 violations stemming from the two new laws regarding times of take offs and landings. Michael states that the violations are currently in Justice Court.

Peter Kirsch states that 65 violations taking in to account that the FAA does not tell pilots of the restrictions when they are flying in is extremely low.

Ted Baldwin, HMMH spoke about the restrictions during 2015 season and the operations and complaints. He spoke about different definitions; noisy aircraft; full summer season; implementation period; night ban; extended curfew; land planes; seaplanes. Aircraft categories considered are: Helicopters (noisy and other) and fixed wing (noisy land planes, other land planes, seaplanes).

Mr. Kirsch gave a summary of the update given today.

The board took questions at this point.

Rose from Wainscott asked what the ultimate goal of the Town is. She also commented on what one trip a week is.

Barry from Noyac asked how they did the noisy aircraft data and he questioned seaplanes.

Naomi said the presentation was very nice and informational. She questioned landing fees and fines for violations.

Carol Mandel questioned the difference in the categories of aircraft.

Cindy, Sound Aircraft wonders how many households did the complaints come from. Have the complaints actually tied back to aircraft landing or taking off from EH? She also questioned revenue aspects.

Larry says that the complaint system is too annoying and difficult. What percent of the helicopters are noisy or not? He also questioned altitude.

Jim Matthews thanks everyone that has gotten us to this point. He questioned the future and how long people will have to wait for peace and quiet.

Tom MacNiven says he also is a victim of complaint data fatigue. Believes better data can be found.

Catherine Sly a local pilot spoke about seaplanes and the Town's advisory group's recommendations of such. She questioned local pilots being charged landing fees. She questioned if the bottom line is to also do harm to the local pilots. She also questioned the # of actual households that have complained.

Gene says that anyone that flies a plane is not considerate of the rest of the people.

A gentleman discussed the deer fence issue and the length of time that it has been taking.

Kathy Cunningham thanked the board especially Kathee for their work on this subject. Maybe some PSA's on the subjects would help.

Theresa from Mattituck thanked the board for there help on the matter. Until the FAA changes the route over her area for helicopters and seaplanes she will keep calling the hot line.

Adj. 11:46 am V/BG