

**New Castle Airport Advisory Committee
Town of New Castle
200 South Greeley Avenue
Chappaqua, New York 10514**

June 20, 2018

Robert Greenstein, Town Supervisor
Lisa Katz, Town Board Member
Hala Makowska, Town Board Member
Ivy Pool, Town Board Member
Jeremy Saland, Town Board Member

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Re: **Initial Recommendations**

Dear Honorable Supervisor Greenstein and Honorable Members Katz, Makowska, Pool and Saland:

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Town Board that the New Castle Airport Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) has held two preliminary organizational meetings and to make an initial recommendation regarding the Committee’s work.

Specifically, as the Town Board is aware, our Committee is comprised of lay people seeking to assist the Town Board in its approach towards current noise and environmental conditions emanating from Westchester County Airport (“HPN”) air traffic and the potential exacerbation of those conditions associated with privatization/expansion plans at HPN. The Committee also recognizes that the Town Board is similarly comprised of lay persons attempting to grapple with an undeniably daunting and complex situation that has and continues to threaten the quality of life for all residents of New Castle through its impact on the environment, public safety and property values. Consequently, after having held our initial organizational meetings, we believe that as a part of our Committee’s work and the Town Board’s approach to this problem, the Town should seek the advice of qualified, experienced professionals to assist and guide our collective efforts and level the playing field against interests that may not be aligned with Town residents.

With this in mind, our Committee recommends that the Town Board immediately explore the retention of counsel with demonstrated specific expertise in the relevant areas so that, without further delay, (a) an informed “ask” can be formulated and championed by the Town Board with County and Federal officials and (b) the Town Board can get an objective, informed opinion as to the collective and individual rights of New Castle residents in addressing prior actions and those going forward with respect to HPN. Those relevant areas of expertise would

appear to be as follows: Aviation; Environmental; Real estate; and Tort. To the extent the Town Board requires any assistance in identifying professionals with the aforementioned expertise, our Committee stands ready to provide same and submit recommendations for consideration.

Additionally, as you are all aware, County Executive Latimer has held two (2) of three (3) public hearings relating to various aspects of the proposed privatization/expansion of HPN. With significant decisions with respect to HPN to be made as soon as early July by County Executive Latimer that will undoubtedly impact New Castle residents, we recommend that the Town Board make a strong show of support of New Castle resident concerns at the final hearing on June 25, 2018 at 7:00PM at West Harrison Senior Center, 251 Underhill Avenue, West Harrison NY 10604. We would also request that the town uses the full extent of its social media and other assets to raise awareness of this meeting with New Castle residents. Our Committee is prepared to assist in all communication and public statements made on this topic.

Finally, we wanted to thank you for your pending communications to Westchester County designed to make sure that New Castle receives advance notification of all future actions considered by Westchester County that are related to the airport. This will hopefully make it easier for all of us to protect New Castle's interests moving forward.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Very truly yours,
New Castle Airport Advisory Committee