

6. **Airport Advisory Board**

Council Member Saland moved, seconded by Deputy Supervisor Katz, to approve the Resolved, that the Town Board hereby creates the New Castle Airport Steering Committee as more detailed in the attached mission statement and appoint Ken Silverman, Jim Smith, and Jon Yanovsky for a term, expiring December 31, 2021 and Jason Lichtenthal as the Town Board member effective January 1, 2020.

VOTE	AYES	NAYS
Supervisor Greenstein	X	
Deputy Supervisor Katz	X	
Council Member Makowska	X	
Council Member Pool	X	
Council Member Saland	X	

**APPROVED BY  
TOWN BOARD**  
*November 26, 2019*  
*Christa Piper*  
*Town Clerk*

## **Proposal to Create an Airport Steering Committee**

November 26, 2019

### **Vision:**

We believe that the Town can and will make progress on mitigating the environmental issues related to Westchester County Airport (HPN) through collaboration and partnership with neighboring communities and Westchester County.

We seek to propose and advance fair and equitable solutions that address the concerns of New Castle residents regarding the environmental, health and safety, economic, and quality of life concerns of our community.

We understand that the clock is ticking and that real change must be measured in terms of substantial changes to flight patterns, noise, and overall air traffic.

### **Overview and Purpose:**

The New Castle Airport Advisory Board (NCAAB) was established in 2017. The group has over 12 members. The Town Board (TB) sees value in maintaining this NCAAB, due to their history of advocacy and knowledge of the subject matter. However, we believe that a smaller, more nimble Steering Committee, comprised of project managers with the skills and time commitment to create plans, manage tasks, and work collaboratively with the TB will lead to better outcomes. The NCAAB would remain and would serve in a true advisory capacity.

### **Responsibilities for the Airport Steering Committee:**

- Create a strategic plan and/or outline of key activities to accomplish over the next 1-2 years, with interim milestones.
- Complete immediate next steps, including:
  - o Draft a response to the proposed landing fees increase and the HMMH Phase 1 Preliminary Findings. (by Mid-December)
  - o Prepare for the (potential) January 2020 FAA meeting
  - o Determine when to engage the Town's legal expert, and direct their work
- Conduct outreach to neighboring communities, in collaboration with the Town Board
- Provide regular updates to the Town Board, highlighting where guidance or action is needed.
- Convene the NCAAB as needed to leverage their knowledge and seek feedback on proposals.

### **Membership:**

Recommended appointees are Ken Silverman, Jim Smith, Jon Yanovsky, and a TB liaison (TBD).