Friends of the
EAST HAMPTON AIRPORT

Informational Newsletter

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Dear Airport User:

As you may have read in the media recently, this has been a very busy summer for the Coalition. In the past week alone there were multiple hearings and meetings about the future flight paths in and around Long Island and there will be more meetings in the near future. Not surprisingly these meetings were crowded and filled with local residents who are upset and vocal that the mandated flight paths (mostly the North Shore Route) have increased noise in and around their neighborhoods. As you know, these paths were dictated by the FAA (under pressure by state and local elected officials) and we have long argued that these routes create heavier congestion that cause more disturbances to homeowners than if we had dispersed routes. Unfortunately, our facts and opinions were overlooked and now more people are upset, something that we try very hard to avoid.

Next week, the East Hampton Airport hearing will take place. We expect more of the same from angry residents who will call for a ban or severe limitations of flights in and out of East Hampton.This will likely be the airport antagonistôs largest event of the year and we expect a lot of media coverage around the hearing and about the issue of noise.

So what are we doing in response? Without telegraphing our whole strategy, we did want to let you know of a few things planned:

- **For the Hearing:** The Coalition will be attending the hearing to set the record straight and to push back in the media and in person. There will be more misinformation and personal attacks, but we will have robust and aggressive counter arguments and a public relations strategy engaged. There will be more details on this in the coming days but if you can, **PLEASE JOIN US AT THE HEARING (*Wednesday, August 27 at 6:30pm at LTV Studios)***

- **Town Letter:** Three weeks ago we sent the Town a legal letter outlining all of the dangers caused by the Townôs negligence and refusal to take Federal funds. The Town continues to refuse to address many of these concerns, but they did agree to a face-to-face meeting. However, no time or date has been set. Time is running out.

- **Next Steps**: If the Town continues to refuse to meet with us by the first week of September, we plan to file a Part 16 Complaint followed up by a Declaratory Judgment Action seeking among other things an acknowledgement that all of the Grant Assurances remain applicable despite the 2005 Settlement Agreement. In short, if they continue to drag their feet and not address very real concerns, then we are taking off the gloves and the real battle will begin.

As we come to the close of another summer, the fight to keep the East Hampton Airport is heating up. You will be reading and hearing a lot about the fight to preserve East Hampton Airport in the coming days. Our goal continues to be for East Hampton Airport to remain open to ALL of the flying public. If you appreciate the ease and efficiency of this Airport, and if you believe like we do in the economic importance of this local resource, then please help us fight to keep East Hampton Airport open. We need your help now more than ever.