Resolution 2022-303

Category: Amendment

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Amend Resolution 2022-190 - Airport Closure Date

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2022-190 the Town Board authorized the closure of the East Hampton Airport, and the opening of a new private use airport; and

WHEREAS, the date of closure of the airport was planned as February 28, 2022, with the airport remaining closed March 1, 2, and 3rd, 2022 (collectively the "Original Closure Dates"); and

WHEREAS, the opening of the new private use airport was planned for March 4th, 2022 (the "Original Opening Date"); and

WHEREAS, the Town has remained engaged in discussions with the FAA with respect to the Original Closure Dates and Original Opening Date, with the goal of opening the new private use airport with substantially all the services available to users that were available at the public use airport being available at the time of opening, or shortly thereafter; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held on February 16, 2022, the Town and the FAA discussed a new time-line which is acceptable to both parties for the closure of the public use airport and the opening as the private use airport, as well as phasing in the services desired by the Town, including tower operations and instrument approach procedures for airport users; and

WHEREAS, based upon the discussions of the Town with the FAA, the Town believes it is prudent and advisable to postpone the Original Closure Date to 11:59 p.m. on May 17, 2022, so that the Town will be in a position to open the new private use airport after a shorter closure period immediately following the updated closure date; and

WHEREAS, in view of the change in such dates, the Town's environmental consultants should reexamine and reconsider their prior environmental assessment and recommendations for a SEQRA Determination of Significance pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.7;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Original Closure Date is hereby postponed until 11:59 p.m. on May 17, 2022 (the "New Closure Date"); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the new private use airport shall open at 9:00 a.m. on May 19th, 2022; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town's environmental consultants shall evaluate the environmental effects of the New Closure Dates as well as the impacts related to the phased introduction of services to the airport, and prepare as necessary a revised environmental assessment form for consideration by the Town Board at its next scheduled meeting and make a new recommendation to the Board for its SEQRA Determination of Significance, including whether the January 20, 2022 Negative Declaration should be amended and/or rescinded and a new assessment adopted, as the Board deems appropriate; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town shall notify the FAA of the New Closure Date and take such further actions as necessary after consideration of the supplemental SEQRA review and recommendation of its environmental consultants; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2022-190, except as amended herein, is in all other respects affirmed.

✓ Vote Record - Resolution RES-2022-303						
☑ Adopted □ Adopted as Amended □ Defeated □ Tabled □ Withdrawn			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Kathee Burke-Gonzalez	Seconder	\square			
	David Lys	Voter	\square			
	Sylvia Overby	Voter	\square			
	Cate Rogers	Voter	Ø			
	Peter Van Scoyoc	Mover	\square			