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Milestones Reached, Preparations Continue as East Hampton Town is Poised to Deactivate Public East Hampton Airport and Replace it with a New, Private-Use Facility

New “East Hampton Town Airport” will operate under a “prior permission required” framework, to provide the Town with maximum flexibility to enact local control to address traffic, noise, safety, and environmental concerns.

Impact of new operating framework, to be finalized and enacted when new airport opens in late May, will be studied over summer season pursuant to the New York environmental laws and regulations; Course of action will retain Town’s right to modify operating procedures or close the airport if desired outcome is not achieved

The East Hampton Town Board continues to work with its consulting attorneys and with the Federal Aviation Administration to complete legally mandated steps toward the deactivation of East Hampton Airport (HTO) and the subsequent activation of a new private-use airport (East Hampton Town Airport, or JPX) operating under town regulations in order to mitigate the airport’s impacts on the community.

Progress is being made on several fronts:

- The Federal Aviation Administration has completed its “airport airspace analysis” of East Hampton Town’s request to deactivate the East Hampton Airport on May 17, 2022, and today issued a finding of “no objection” to the plan.

Also today, the Town has confirmed to the FAA its intention to proceed with the airport deactivation at 11:59 p.m. on May 17, 2022.

Access the FAA Notice of Airport Airspace Determination re East Hampton Airport deactivation: <https://eamptonny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12014/FAA-Notice-of-Airport-Airspace-Determination-re-East-Hampton-Airport-Deactivation-2022-03-22>

- The FAA has also completed its airspace analysis for activation of the new, private-use airport on May 19, 2022, to be called East Hampton Town Airport (JPX) , and issued a finding of “no objection.”

The Town today confirmed to the FAA its intention to activate the new airport at 9 a.m. on May 19, 2022.

Access the FAA Notice of Airport Airspace Determination re East Hampton Town Airport new private-use airport activation:

<https://ehamptonny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12013/FAA-Notice-of-Airport-Airspace-Determination-re-East-Hampton-Town-Airport-New-Private-Use-Airport-Activation-2022-03-22>

- In addition to completing these steps with the FAA, East Hampton Town has engaged an FAA-approved third-party consultant, Flight Tech Engineering, to design and implement private instrument flight procedures (called “special procedures” by the FAA). Once okayed by the FAA, these procedures would be used for instrument landings at the new East Hampton Town Airport. The consultant is finalizing an application package to submit to the FAA on or before March 25, 2022, as the procedures must be approved by that agency.

Based on discussions with the FAA, the Town expects the special procedures to be available upon the opening of the new airport on May 19, providing the new airport with the same safety and operational capabilities as the public-use East Hampton Airport that is currently operating. The special procedures will be very similar to the currently used “Z” procedures, except that circling will be removed. The exact details will be determined by the FAA.

Pursuant to federal law, the special procedures will not be publicly available, and aircraft operators who wish to use them will have to obtain authorization from the FAA to utilize these special procedures.

The Town will issue a call within the next week to all interested aircraft operators to submit an application to use the special procedures. All interested operators will be provided with the application package, and the Town will not be charging operators for the right to use the special procedures. The Town will assist operators to submit a request for authorization to the FAA if the entire application package is received by the airport manager on or before April 8, 2022.

The FAA, and not the Town, will determine who can use the special procedures, based on whether the operator is qualified, and whether they have permission from the Town.

Additional information will be provided in the application package. Questions may be directed to the airport manager, Jim Brundige, at 631-537-1130 x 5, or JBrundige@EHamptonny.gov.

Overview of Special Procedures expected to be available upon the opening of the new, private-use airport on May 19, 2022, and application process information:

<https://ehamptonny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12002/Overview-of-Special-Procedures-Expected-to-Be-Available-May-19-2022>