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Supervisor Jens-Smith Encourages Residents to Attend FAA Helicopter Noise Meeting

The FAA has set a meeting for Wednesday, November 14th, from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, at Riverhead Middle School, 600 Harrison Avenue, Riverhead, NY for residents to be heard on the issue of helicopter noise.

The meeting will have a workshop format and the FAA will have several stations covering a number of relevant aspects of the North Shore Helicopter Rule. Each station will be staffed by an FAA subject matter expert who is able to answer questions regarding the topic, and there will be a station where the public can submit a written statement for the record. The FAA also is trying to arrange to have oral comments transcribed as well. The FAA does not plan to make any formal presentations during this workshop.

Supervisor Laura Jens-Smith said, "I want to thank Congressman Lee Zeldin for fighting for us on this quality of life issue, and Senators Gillibrand and Schumer for ushering this through the Senate. I applaud this bipartisan effort to finally bring relief to Riverhead residents. Now we need as many residents as possible to come down and make themselves heard."

Councilwoman Catherine Kent, Town Board Liaison to the Helicopter Noise Task Force had to say, "The mandated North Shore route has been detrimental to the quality of life in many areas of our Town. There are residences that often have as many as 50 helicopters flying over their home in a day. We are advocating for an all water route over the Atlantic Ocean. Please attend and tell the FAA how this issue has effected your life."

This meeting is being hosted by the FAA and the agency has set the format.