

**TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN
RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL
2020-26**

**Opposition to S-2547/H-7900, An Act Relating to Aeronautics - Airports and Landing
Fields - Airport Zoning**

- WHEREAS: Bills S-2547 and H-7900, An Act Relating to Aeronautics - Airports and Landing Fields - Airport Zoning (the "Act") have been introduced in the Rhode Island General Assembly, and
- WHEREAS: This Act proposes amendments to Sections 1-2-3, 1-2-3.1 and 1-3-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws to add the terms "approach" and "approach zones" to mean airport land and airspace as defined by the FAA, as well as other amendments, and
- WHEREAS: The practical effects of the Act for the Town of Middletown and other municipalities hosting airports and/or airport approaches will be to expand the authority of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation to acquire by purchase or condemnation any land or any estate or interest in land, including airspace, that it may deem necessary for a suitable airport, landing field or approach, and
- WHEREAS: Such expanded authority would adversely impact the private property rights of a significant number of Middletown property owners and taxpayers, and
- WHEREAS: The proposed amendments are significant, and the Act was introduced without explanation or input from the impacted municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

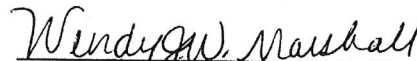
- RESOLVED: That the Middletown Town Council respectfully requests that all State Senators, Representatives and the Governor oppose S2547 and H7900.

BE IT FURTHER

- RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk shall submit a copy of this resolution to the Town of Middletown's State Senator and Representatives, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, the Executive Director of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, all cities and towns in the State of Rhode Island, and the Governor in consideration of their support to defeat these amendments to the General Laws.

MAY 18, 2020

READ AND PASSED IN COUNCIL


Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC
Town Clerk