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Dear editor

The extent to which an elected official like Stanzione will attempt to deceive the community is astounding in the face of irrefutable video evidence of his deceit at town meetings. Equally astonishing is the extent to which big spenders, including East Hampton Aviation Association (EHAA), remain resolutely complicit in Stanzione's deceit by funding deceptive advertising endorsing him for re-election citing "progress" Stanzione purportedly made on airport issues.

The reality is that Stanzione has consistently misled the community and fellow board members on the:

- extent of animal strikes at our airport in an effort to secure FAA funding for a deer fence; yet the FAA records only five animal strikes occurred over an 11-year period to 1/1/2012 at our airport, none fatal to humans.
- control tower, stating throughout 2012 that the mobile control tower was to be a temporary structure for two years until its effectiveness could be evaluated; less than 8 months later, he spearheaded the demand for the permanent structure now in place;
- costs of erecting the control tower as well as its annual operating costs which far exceed budgeted allotments.

He also

- falsely promoted the tower as a noise mitigation measure--to the day the FAA publicly announced that the tower was for safety and efficiency (to cope with increased traffic), and at no point could the tower be considered a noise abatement tool; yet both Stanzione and the EHAA continue to imply the tower is a noise abatement tool and they have proposed no other noise abatement protocol;
- directed flight paths be changed, sending 80% of in/outbound traffic over a single route, away from the homes of his wealthy puppet masters; he did so without consulting other board members or seeking board approval; he consistently denied--from the podium of town hall--that he did so;
- authorized work on other airport issues without consulting fellow board members then submitted for payment invoices for work that had been completed even before purchase orders had been prepared;
- worked behind closed doors with the FAA and aviation interests to have our already noise-problem airport designated a "regional" airport (is noise more acceptable to the FAA if an airport is designated "regional" not "municipal"!)

Recent Letters to the Editor in the STAR indicate that Stanzione has misrepresented other issues of great concern to the community. The man behind the ingratiating smile has proven he cannot be trusted to defend the public interest; he has demonstrated a persistent devotion to deception while serving on the Town Board. His supervisor and fellow party member Bill Wilkinson stated: "Dominick's track record, which has included unauthorized letter signings representing the town, pandering to certain interest groups, renegeing on organizational and recruitment strategies, personally rerouting incoming and exiting aircraft, misrepresentations in general – has led to an atmosphere of distrust, by me...." (East Hampton Star, March 14' 2013). At a town board meeting a few months later, fellow party member and deputy supervisor Teresa Quigley said he was "running rogue" on airport issues.

Voters beware. Stanzione recently responded to a questionnaire from the local environmental coalition NYLCVEF that he believes that "FAA grants should proceed expeditiously..." (**his poor spelling, not mine**). Based on past actions, he will use whatever nefarious means available to appease his aviation masters, and will push for board acceptance of FAA funding before the end of the current board term. Such action will result in another 20 years shackled to the FAA while that agency funds the expansion projects so desired by profiteering aviation interests and which will ensure the airport remains open 24/7/365 to even more helicopters, seaplanes and ever larger aircraft. That has happened in small local airports around the country, to the chagrin of residents who too late realized that the touted economic benefits do not outweigh the increasing noise over broader flight paths, from additional flight schools, plummeting property values, increasing noise and toxic air pollution and horrendous consequences on health exposed in recently published studies. We will not be exempted from those horrors. It WILL happen at our airport--now an FAA-designated "regional" airport--*if even one dollar of FAA funds is accepted*. Do not be deceived by EHAA's flashy advertising in a well-crafted campaign of deception by those with deeply vested interests in expanding our airport.

Stanzione is far from an independent voice on the town board. His record of compliance to all demands of the aviation interests demonstrate he will not serve the best interests of our community. If voters do not hold accountable elected officials, those officials with personal agendas will continue to run rogue. Stanzione must go.

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