

LETTER TO THE Editor,

Sag Harbor Express.

Dear editor,

I read with interest the article by Kathryn Menu regarding an upcoming meeting at East Hampton Town Hall on December 1st to discuss F.A.A. funding for EH Airport. It is not often one writes East Hampton Airport and good news in the same sentence but, in this case, there might be good news if Southampton residents--and those farther afield troubled by airport noise--attend that meeting on Thursday evening.

Those of us unfortunate enough to live under the favored western flight path of aircraft heading to the city, Westchester and Dutchess counties rarely have the opportunity to be heard on the noise issue, despite the fact that so much of the noise and pollution generated by East Hampton airport is borne by Southampton and North Fork residents. This public meeting on Dec 1st in East Hampton will therefore provide the disenfranchised residents of Bridgehampton, Noyac, Sagaponack, Sag Harbor, North Sea, Shelter Island and the North Fork with what appears to be the last chance to voice their opinion on whether or not EH should take F.A.A. funds and in so doing so, set into motion already F.A.A.-approved expansion plans for the airport. It appears clear now that, if EH accepts F.A.A. money, then increased volumes of air traffic--over and above the conservative forecast of 9% increase per year--will likely blight our days and nights for years to come. For 20 years in fact, through 2034.

Given that horrendous possibility, the 7.00 p.m. meeting on Thursday Dec 1st at the new East Hampton Town Hall on Pantigo Road is a date not to be missed. Let's hope that Southampton Town Board members and other officials from the North and South Fork will attend the meeting to support long suffering residents.

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