

Sneak Attack

Wainscott

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Dear Editor;

A sneak attack is being perpetrated upon the citizens of this town by Bill Wilkinson, Theresa Quigley, and the two-faced puppet on a string, Dominick Stanzione. It's an obviously sneaky end run to attain Federal Aviation Administration funding despite the wishes of the majority of residents, thereby eliminating any chance of local control of the horrendous noise burden that has grown worse each season. This could be Mr. Wilkinson's parting shot at the town residents if he is voted out of office — just in case, to fulfill promises made.

All this is despite a \$1.5 million surplus in the airport fund that can only be spent at the airport. A mere \$350,000 is needed, and we won't cede local control. Mr. Wilkinson would rather force us to become indentured servants to the F.A.A. for another 20 years rather than offend the aviation association. This is so obvious that a dead body can see it: a precursor to expansion — that is the plan.

This fence has been in place for 15 years, since the Bullock administration, and nary a concern was ever expressed until now. Never even a concern with the failed MTK concert. There have been three incidents with deer over the past 10 years — hardly a chaos. See the collisions on the roads; maybe they ought to fence the entire town?

The bum's rush is obvious considering the cozy dinner at Cittnuova a week ago Wednesday. There was Mr. Stanzione, huddled with the chief lobbyist for the East Hampton Aviation Association, Tom Twomey. Maybe they they were doing college football picks or got a job at The Independent as food critics?

I guess Mr. Stanzione wanted Mr. Twomey's nod and applause for the sham hearing being scheduled for Thursday. I wonder who picked up the tab?

I say it's a sham because of all the other sneaky deals made in secret. Just like the leaf program meeting, the MTK concert, and a host of others, a done deal and a sham, a dog and pony show to have us believe they will listen to our concerns and do what is right for the majority, not only here but in surrounding towns also. Yeah, and a fat guy will come down my chimney on Dec. 25.

The big question is why. A handful of pilots, most of whom do not even live in the town, lead the administration by the nose. A visit to Board of Elections explains it all: Sacrifice the many for the few. Look at the age demographics of the aviation association, most will not be here in 20 years but the ball and chain will.

A wonderful Christmas gift to the citizens of the town. I hope you get coal in your stocking. Shame on all of you.

Yours truly,

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