

To the Editor;  
Dear Editor:

Imagine, if as a homeowner, you have no control over your own home.

Suppose that the terms of your mortgage dictate that your front door be left open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year to anyone and everyone who can just drop in unannounced.

Imagine they can make as much noise as they want and there isn't a thing you can do about it. Imagine they can park and rev the engines on their trucks, cars and motorcycles in your driveway while you watch, powerless to do anything.

And they keep coming....more and more and more - all kinds of people who really don't care about your house. They heard "it was a nice place to visit."

Your neighborhood deteriorates, your neighbors hate you, and it's only a matter of time until something really bad happens at your house.

East Hampton: This is your airport. You own it. But a faceless, careless and un-accountable bureaucracy known as the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) controls every aspect of it. You can't tell the jets and helicopters they can't come no matter how noisy, dirty or unsafe they are. You can't stop them from coming at any hour of the day or night. You can't tell them which route to take over land, or sea, or how high to fly. And, if they want to expand their agendas to, say....."HelicopterTours of the Houses of the Rich and Famous" or day trips to Block Island, there is absolutely nothing you can do about it.

Back to your house. Suppose you have a chance to pay off the mortgage and limit the guests to only those who appreciate your hospitality. You could open and close the door whenever you want and you could even charge a fair price for board. You'd do it.

On the last day of 2014 our current deal with the FAA expires. It's our chance to gain control of "our house." This assumes that no new moneys are taken. This fall we'll be electing our Town Supervisor and Town Board representatives, three of the five people charged with making that decision. In 2013 we'll elect the other two and have an additional chance to vote for a Supervisor who cares about "his house and his family."

Ask the candidates now and continue to ask them. Why shouldn't we control our own house?

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