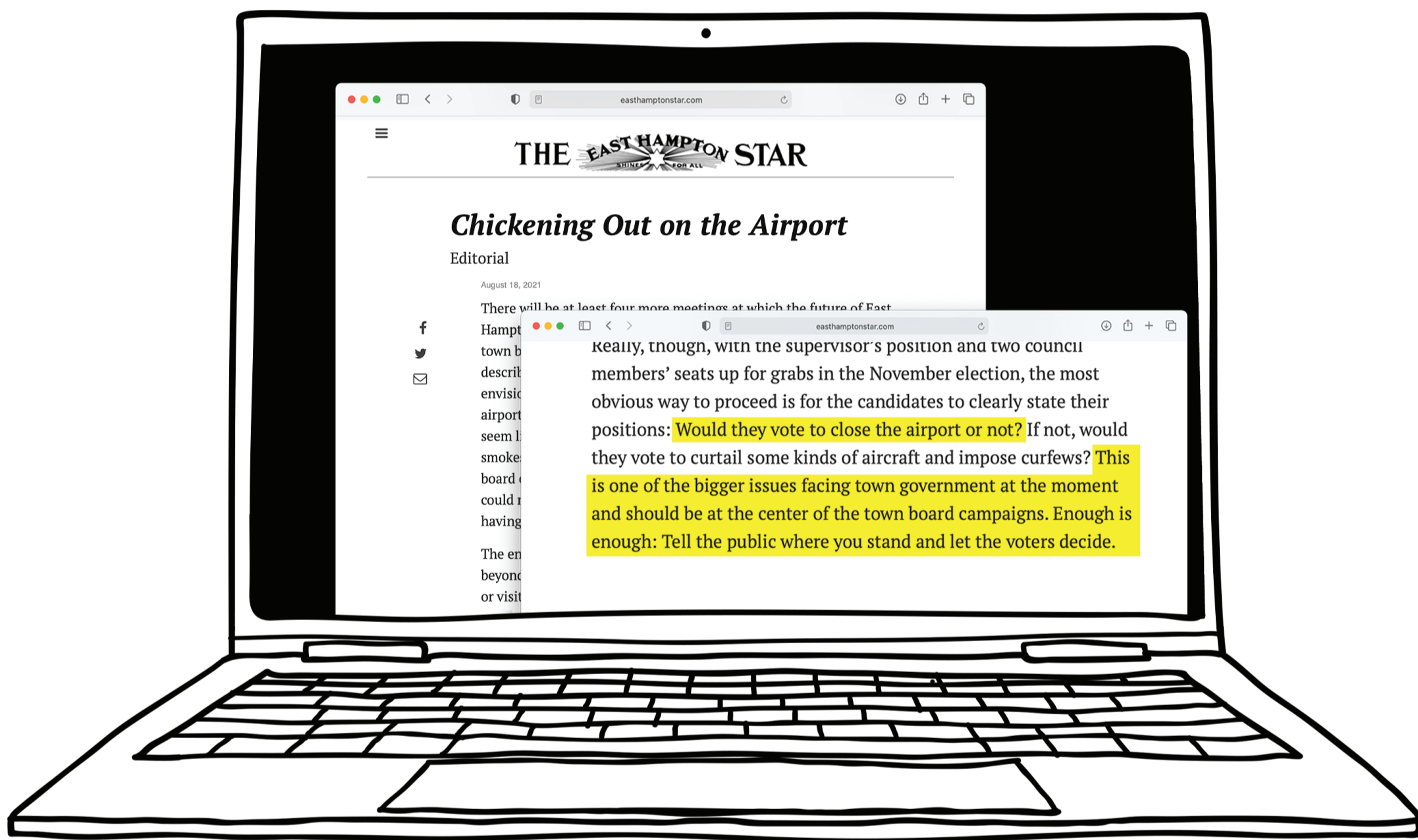


AS THE TOWN BOARD DEBATES OVER WHETHER TO CLOSE THE EAST HAMPTON AIRPORT, HERE'S SOMETHING THEY OUGHT TO KEEP IN MIND:

WHILE THE 1% MAY HAVE MORE MONEY, THE 99% HAVE MORE VOTES.



FACT: Air, water, and noise pollution are the airport's main contribution to the Town of East Hampton. According to the unbiased, Independent Impact Analysis commissioned by the Town itself, estimated passenger spending amounts to 1%-3% of the Town's taxable sales revenue. An amount, they say, that's "...less than the price of a medium priced home in East Hampton." Furthermore, again according to the Town's own study, of the 1.7 million people who visit East Hampton each year, less than 1% used the airport to get here.

FACT: The East Hampton Airport exists solely for the benefit of the aircraft business that services it and the tiny number of uncaring people who fly.

FACT: The airport is a threat to the safety of our neighborhoods. To begin with – given that most aircraft accidents happen within a few miles of an airport, on approach or departure – a land-locked airport is a very bad idea.

FACT: The Town of East Hampton receives nothing, zero, zilch from any airport revenue, which can only be used to benefit the airport!

FACT: The East Hampton Airport plays a non-essential role in Medevac rescue operations. Quoting Jessica Killoran, Flight Paramedic with Stony Brook Medicine: "We meet the injured person pretty much anywhere they are."

FACT: JFK, LaGuardia, and East Hampton Airport are now the three biggest polluters in New York State. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, in one hour of flight a typical private jet emits more carbon into the air that you breathe than a typical car does in one year. The Environmental Analysis commissioned by the Town concluded that that 6% of the Town's harmful emissions are produced by 1% of the population – which just happens to be the 1% that insist that the airport be maintained for their convenience. We can't eliminate cars, but we can certainly eliminate aircraft.

FACT: According to the Town's Economic Impact Analysis, the East Hampton Airport employs an estimated 15 full-time people. And accounts for no more than 100-230 tourist related seasonal jobs. To be charitable, the "Alliance's" oft used claim that passenger spending generates thousands of jobs and contributes tens of millions of dollars in revenue to the East Hampton coffers, is simply a self serving fantasy.

FACT: The airport is a threat to the water you drink: The Magothy Aquifer is the Town of East Hampton's sole source of drinkable water. Maintaining its purity is essential. The airport sits directly atop the deepest and most critical part of the Aquifer. You hardly need a scientist to tell you that pumping a million gallons of fuel annually, thousands of landings and takeoffs, and the horrifying practice of testing firefighting foam on airport grounds is not a healthy idea.

VOTE SMART! ASK THE CANDIDATES WHERE THEY STAND ON CLOSING THE AIRPORT. AND DON'T BE FOOLED BY EVASIVE ANSWERS, BOGUS "COMPROMISES," OR VAGUE PROMISES OF UNENFORCEABLE "REGULATIONS."

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