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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, March 07, 2016 1:49 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: The Proposed Tax Rate Increase of 3.69 % Is Too High Plus The Water Bill Increase

Bob -- Thank you for your email.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

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**Subject:** The Proposed Tax Rate Increase of 3.69 % Is Too High Plus The Water Bill Increase

To All :

The proposed tax rate increase of 3.69 % for the average assessed Scarsdale home plus the 21.95 % increase in the water bill for the fiscal year starting June 1 are too high for Scarsdale Home owners in a low inflation rate environment greatly exceeding the tax cap CPI of 0.12 % and the growth factor of 0.33 % for a total tax cap of 0.45 % ..

We urge the Village Board to reduce the tax rate increase by using more of the Fund Balance and cutting additional budget expenditures where possible. Staff has indicated that the proposed Budget has a 13.7 % Fund Balance of the total budget in a policy range of 10 % to 15 %. Staff indicates that the Fund Balance is \$ 8.7 million. The current indicated proposed Budget expenditures are \$ 55,361,405 . A Fund Balance of \$ 8.7 million vs a \$ 55.361 million Budget would calculate to be a 15.7 % Fund Balance of the total Budget.

Please correct our math if there is a mistake. It would seem that the Board could easily use at least \$ 370,400. of Fund Balance which would reduce the tax rate increase by 1 % or more and keep the Fund Balance well within the policy range . We would hope that the Board could reduce the tax rate increase to the 2.0 % area to keep the property tax levy on home owners as low as possible.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter for our home owner taxpayers.

Bob Harrison, Chairman  
Scarsdale Taxpayer Alert

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