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> Mr. Mayor,

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> I recently learned that you are not allowing citizens of Scarsdale speak at the upcoming meeting not ask direct questions at the meeting. Rather you would like us to provide written questions prior to the meeting. This will enable Ryan and the Board to spend time determining which questions to answer and which ones to tip toe around.

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> I must insist in full Transparency from the Board and our hired consultant. Not allowing an open dialogue is not how our government operates. There are so many questions that have been asked that have fallen on deaf ears. Such as:

> Why were over 150 sales excluded from Ryan's work?

> Why have has the Board not provided this information as required with FOIL.

> Who reviewed Ryan's work?

> Why was it accepted in calculating the new tax assessments?

> Was there no discussion or thought about the ramifications?

> Who decided to forward to NYS so our new tax rolls would be established and our only option as a citizen is to file a grievance?

> Why was there such a large change in values from the Taylor valuations?

> Didn't Ryan review Taylor's work and approve it?

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> The only answer we've gotten is. "We as a Board are powerless to do anything about this." Do you know how outlandish that sounds? Makes me wonder why we even have or need a Board of Trustees.

> I would be comfortable having a small group of concerned citizens to speak ask questions on our behalf.

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> Thank you.

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