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**Subject:** Meeting with Mr Ryan on August 17, 2016

Mr. Mayor,

First of all, I would like to thank you and the whole village board of trustees for finally arranging the meeting with Mr. Ryan, so that he can answer the various questions raised by the residents regarding the 2016 revaluation.

However, as several people noted last night, the meeting format that has been selected, in which the residents are unable to directly ask Mr. Ryan questions, seems ineffective. This format appears to protect Mr. Ryan from being forced to address the resident's concerns, and does not reflect what the residents have been asking for.

The village residents have been waiting for two months for this meeting to take place and we do not want it to go to waste. As the taxpayers, the residents are paying for Mr. Ryan to appear and answer their questions. It would be reasonable to expect that the meeting be setup in a manner than suits the residents' needs.

The meeting format that you are imposing would allow Mr. Ryan to direct the conversation and spend hours addressing an issue of his choosing, while the residents would be unable to have their concerns addressed.

Based on Mr. Ryan's presentation at the meeting of the Committee of the Whole on April 21<sup>st</sup>, I am truly astonished by Mr. Ryan's ability to blivate around the issues, without providing any actual substance. Therefore, it is necessary to ensure that Mr. Ryan is not merely spewing empty rhetoric in the meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

As recent meetings in the village hall have revealed, many Scarsdale residents have a strong professional understanding of the real estate market, models, models validation, etc. These residents, as well as others, ought to have the opportunity to express their concerns and receive answers to their questions.

Without the ability to directly confront Mr. Ryan and ask him follow-up questions, the meeting will likely be a complete waste of time and money.

I hope that in light of the aforementioned reasons you will reconsider your decision, and will allow direct questions to be asked of Mr. Ryan.

Best regards,  
Helen Levitin

PS.  
I kindly ask that you please publish my email on the Scarsdale website.