

Donna Conkling

From: Lika L. Levi <lika@save-scarsdale.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 7:28 AM
To: Mayor
Cc: Donna Conkling; editor@scarsdalenews.com
Subject: The environment and Preservation in Scarsdale

Dan,

Thank you for your e-mail below and explanation. It has been a summer of quite a few trips abroad, so my apologies for not getting back to you sooner.

However, preservation efforts are not improving in Scarsdale.

It is with dismay and sorrow I read the other day that the VB will be meeting on September 25 to discuss 12 Dolma and 26 Cooper. Both houses should be preserved. A lack of initiative on the part of past VB's has led us to come to this juncture. There is no reason why these houses should not be preserved and the land they are on kept as well, so huge monsters are not built. Legislation should have been passed along time ago. Of course it is easier to destroy and rebuild. But how do you get 100 years' character ? Good things take time and effort. Beautiful houses just as much. The results are sublime and cannot be bought for any pitiful sum.

I thought I read a while ago that the VB was to meet with the various land use boards, the BAR, CHP, ZBA, Planning etc., to discuss this. However, nothing that I know of has been scheduled. In the meanwhile Scarsdale is losing its character. You need to place a moratorium to stop this plague.

We are becoming a series of houses built to maximize greed in disrespect to the environment or architectural heritage. All mechanisms were put in place to avoid just this, but all is failing thanks to untamed greed: the wild horse in Scarsdale.

I am trying to demonstrate this and provide support for preservation efforts on my website: Save-Scarsdale.org. I get many visitors from the whole world all day, and yet I cannot document progress in Scarsdale. In fact, I would like to stop and close this site and waiting for legislation to be passed so that my site will become obsolete. Unfortunately not yet...

I know you care more about these issues, maybe more than any other past Mayor and I know can and will stop this invasion.

Lika

On Aug 9, 2017, at 9:17 AM, Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com> wrote:

Lika

Regarding meeting notice, as mentioned in your 7/17 note, I was told there was a glitch and in general, notice is usually on the website well before the meetings of the CHP. I looked at several of the houses on the agenda you mentioned and I didn't see any that I thought looked at as

historical, although I recognize there are several criteria to consider when a permit is requested.

Dan

On Jul 17, 2017, at 12:29 PM, Lika L. Levi <Lika@save-scarsdale.org> wrote:

Dear Mayor Hochvert and the Village Board,

As you may know I have been concerned for a while now about the number and nature of houses being demolished in Scarsdale. Hence my website: Save-Scarsdale.org that documents this among other environmental concerns...

I would please ask you to at least pass legislation so that CHP meeting agendas like other land use meetings are posted two weeks in advance on the Village website. Further of course, we are all awaiting as we have been now for years for you to pass legislation to more adequately conserve our old, historic and architecturally significant houses. Or just houses that contribute to the character of their environment by virtue of having been there for so long: many cases more than 100 years...Having acquired historic patina if you will..

Tomorrow for example, the 18th, we just learned there are eight houses to be considered. This after last week's special meeting (why, was there a special meeting done ?...) where one house was considered. Nine houses total in one month, with one or two day's notice. I hope you agree this is inadequate and unacceptable if not detrimental for our dear Village's character.

CHP agendas should be posted on the Village website two weeks prior, with no meetings in July or August. In these summer months many residents do go away on holidays and therefore this is not a good time to get right representation.

I hope you agree and will pass this legislation effective immediately.

Hopefully yours,

Lika

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