

## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Lika L. Levi <lika@save-scarsdale.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2018 9:27 AM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Cc:** Scarsdale10583; Matthew Callaghan; Donna Conkling; Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez  
**Subject:** 6 Fenimore Road and Preservation in Scarsdale

Some strengthening - changing one word.

Some study- they did not include this. Please acknowledge that all studies are doing is giving more time to developers to grab more sites and ruin our Village.

You are giving them free rein and more time- just what they want...

All is failing. Leave humans alone and they worship the golden calf - all over again. In Scarsdale, the developer and dollar signs...

Especially for Trustee Callaghan: the so called Harvard Five, does not include Frank Lloyd Wright -( who did not go to Harvard )- arguably more influential and innovative than all the Harvard Five combined.

A couple of weeks ago, if you are reading my web-site you would know I attended a conference called <https://www.iconichouses.org> - Iconic Houses set up by a lady in the Netherlands. The conference was held here in the US and centered in Norwalk - Philip Johnson's Glass House that he built for himself, along with Manitoga - Russell Wright's house that he also built for himself...

Like the Glass house, like Manitoga, the house Thomas built for himself 6 Fenimore, is the culmination and sum total of all of the architects' views, and not a "hodge-podge" of styles as the other side wanted to claim during the hearing on June 5th.

Their arguments totally fell on their face, each time they tried to raise a point.

***A moratorium is totally in order. Just provide the preservation record of the CHP, or the Appeals record of the BOT - abominable.***

***What has been saved ? What is going on instead ? Just drive to Cushman or Circle Road or any other new development .... And look at old pictures in awe.***

***Instead of wasting time on unnecessary court proceedings challenging a well meaning resident like Robert Berg, put your energies into matters that matter - not superfluous academic exercises.***

Thank you very much,

*Lika*

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On Jun 6, 2018, at 12:33 PM, Mayor <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)> wrote:

Joanne

The preservation chapter of the Code was recently strengthened and will remain in place. The pre-designation is a supplemental path. A moratorium could not be supported unless there was a clear, legal rationale for it. I do not think we could provide a rationale that wouldn't be successfully challenged in court.

Dan

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Sent: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 11:59 AM

To: Mayor; Lika L. Levi

Subject: Re: 6 Fenimore Road

Hi Dan- I don't agree in predesignating a very limited number of properties rather than strengthening our preservation laws to safeguard neighborhoods and historic districts. Saving only 100 houses will not save Scarsdale. We also need to change our lot coverage and FAR laws immediately to discourage over building and limit builders profits. Subdivisions like the one on Carstensen Road should also be barred. It's time to put some muscle behind preserving what's left and quickly vanishing. I agree with Lika that a moratorium on demolitions is called for until these issues are addressed. I think this should be a top priority.

Joanne

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On Jun 6, 2018, at 8:23 AM, Mayor <[mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com)> wrote:

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The Board has asked the Staff to begin pre-designation of historic properties. The work needed is developing the backup for such

pre-designation.

There are limited funds available for that work but it is planned to begin this year.

Dan

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From: Lika L. Levi <[lika@save-scarsdale.org](mailto:lika@save-scarsdale.org)>  
Sent: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 8:14 AM  
To: Mayor  
Cc: Manager's Department; Donna Conkling; Joanne;  
[Editor@ScarsdaleNews.com](mailto:Editor@ScarsdaleNews.com)  
Subject: 6 Fenimore Road

Dear Mayor Hochvert and the Board of Trustees,

I was in attendance yesterday afternoon for the hearing for this lovely house.

It was a painful experience. The more they tried to bury this house, the more it kept rising up as it were for a breath of fresh air and refused to die...

I urge you to put an end to this torture.

You have to institute a moratorium and put an end to this mindless destruction. It is the indigenous Isis and yet, Board after Board nothing is being done.

Scarsdale is loosing its character, its very identity, heritage, its everything. A town without these character houses, without the leafy trees is not Scarsdale any more.

I do not want to hear of any more hearings or CHP meetings. Nothing deserves to be demolished.

It is time we acknowledged beauty in age as well as well as character.

We inherited a beautiful Village, it is time we kept and honored it.

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