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**Cc:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Re: Correct Version: 13 October 2016 Committee of the Whole (2)

Thank you for your prompt reply. Residents and I look forward to the answer especially with references to cases and statutes.

Also, when will an ad hoc assessment committee be convened? How will you pick residents? Will it be up to residents to volunteer? My strong recommendation is that the committee be comprised of people with a diversity of skills sets, especially quantitative, IT, and vendor risk management. It would also be good to have residents from the different neighborhoods if possible.

Have a good weekend.

Best,  
Mayra

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Dear Ms Kirkendall-Rodriguez -- This acknowledges receipt of your email. We will address your questions at the next Board meeting.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

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**From:** Mayra Rodriguez Valladares <[mrvassoc@yahoo.com](mailto:mrvassoc@yahoo.com)>

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Dear Mayor Mark,

Thank you for running the meeting last night very efficiently. I think that Robert Cole did a great job explaining and answering most of the questions about the proposed phase-in, which unfortunately will require a lot of Village resources and will not invalidate the disastrous Ryan reval. Personally, I appreciate how you tried kept the meeting on track.

Mayor Mark, I kindly encourage you to explicitly tell residents and me what precedents and statutes prohibit the BOT and you from invalidating the Ryan reval. This has never been proven to residents. Also, I would like to know if every Board of Trustee has researched legal means by which to invalidate the Ryan reval. Have any of you spoken to any counsel other than the Village Attorney? At least one BOT member and you are lawyers.

Not only have quantitative residents pointed out the numerous flaws and lack of documentation in Ryan's use of a computerized model, even more residents have pointed out the numerous problems in the whole process. I remind you of a few significant operational risk(people, processes, systems, and external events such as outsourcing) breaches:

Albanese accepted at least one dinner, a couple of bottles of wine, and a recommendation from Ryan

to be on a prestigious appraisal board

Ryan was chosen in a no-bid contract,

Albanese and Ryan were unsupervised by managers, mayors, or boards of trustees, and they did not fulfill the contract,

how an unlicensed appraiser was arrested for criminal trespassing, whilst living with a convicted felon at two addresses, spent less than 3 1/2 minutes looking at houses from a far; Albanese never vetted him before he came on board which is part of the contract,

a Village employee offered to give Ryan and Semmelroggen, external contractors, a password to access village computers

Ryan was given access to remotely access the Village system, and

Why was Tyler not given a chance to do the reval? Were trustees even aware that Tyler sent a proposal to Albanese? We have yet to see evidence of the emails. One of our teammates had to do the sleuthing to uncover that Tyler wanted to compete for the reval.

Additionally, please provide residents and me evidence about why you cannot ask State Assemblywoman Paulin to introduce emergency legislation to invalidate Ryan given that even Village Pappalardo and you have cited numerous problems with the Ryan reval. When I spoke to her on the phone a couple of months ago, she said that she could introduce such legislation. Has she changed her mind? Have you contacted other government officials in either chamber who can help?

You mentioned that you spoke to ORPS. To whom? Are they citing statutes or precedents that prohibit you from asking Ms. Paulin to introduce legislation? If so, please specify what they are.

Why can you not hire independent legal counsel to advise you on how to invalidate the reval? Fear of how you might anger other residents surely cannot be the way to lead Scarsdale.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,  
Mayra Kirkendall-Rodriguez