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To: Mayor; Carl Finger; Deborah Pekarek

Cc: Jane Veron; Clerk's Department

Subject: Library Field Trip

Dear Mayor Mark and Trustees Finger and Pekarek,

I read with interest that you went on a trip to visit nearby libraries. This due diligence is notable.

Ms. Pekarek, you who were in the last administration, did you think that it was important to interview any other appraiser other than John Ryan before you voted to hire him? If you think that it is important enough to visit other libraries to learn what may be applicable to Scarsdale, why was it not important to learn something about property assessments?

Messrs. Mayor and Finger, did you ever think to ask Village Manager Pappalardo and Assessor Albanese whether anyone other than Ryan had been considered? Did you ever ask whether Ryan should be dismissed and someone else should be hired when you heard how innumerate Ryan was at the April 2016 meeting? Ryan still could not explain his model at that meeting. Have you figured out why Village Managers Gatta and Pappalardo did not oversee Ms. Albanese? When is that information going to be made public?

Here are a few more questions:

1. How much did the field trip to visit other libraries cost Scarsdale taxpayers?
2. Why are you reducing water fees to residents due to a 'Village mistake' and you are not reducing residents' mistakes due to an incredibly flawed reval, which even Mayor Mark and Village Manager Pappalardo admit was not done 100% in fulfillment of the contract.
3. Are over assessed residents going to have to pay more than their fair share for the proposed library renovation if it goes ahead?
4. What are you providing over assessed residents in terms of better lighting, paved sidewalks and streets, and safer roads?

I have written several times about the incredibly unsafe intersection at Fox Meadow and Crane Road and East Parkway and Crane Road. Your outsourced traffic consultant barely mentioned those places, where in fact a car accident took place recently.

5. Are you overseeing why the Village Attorney and his staff are delaying the release of all emails asked for under FOIL since July? I am sure that you realize that residents suspect that there is a big cover up going on at Village Hall.

6. When Ron Schulhof recommended that the Mayor and BOT needed to micromanage Village Personnel, you all nodded. What has happened since? How are you concretely monitoring that the Village Manager properly run Scarsdale Village? Where is the evidence? Is there a strategic plan in place?

Residents and I look forward to answers to these questions.

Regards,
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