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Subject: Article 78

To the Board of Trustees of Scarsdale Village:

I am writing in support of the Article 78 filing. I think it is clear the Board and the Mayor did not do their due diligence in allowing the hiring of John Ryan and that there may have been some back room deals done in service of the wealthiest taxpayers in Scarsdale to gain an advantage by re-doing the revaluation after only 2 years. It all looks suspicious and has cast a shadow on the town government as a whole, leading some to want to change the entire non-partisan (no choice) system. The best way for those on the Board to regain confidence from the majority of the homeowners who are not in top 1% of the 1% and who were affected badly, or whose neighbors were effected badly, by the Ryan reval would be to allow the Article 78 to achieve it's aim, to restore some fairness in the tax bills issued by the Village.

It would seem to those observing that if the Village spends more taxpayer money to defend this indefensible revaluation they are doing so in the service of those who forced this hasty reval in the first place or in the service of saving face, not in the service of justice and the greater good. That may not be the facts, but the way things look sometimes are as or more influential in forming public opinion than just the facts.

Do the right thing, it already looks bad, don't make it worse. The citizens are watching, some of whom have been here the longest and have seen how things have changed negatively in terms of the humanity of this town.

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