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To: Mayor

Subject: Grasscycling

Dear Mayor Mark,

I recently reinstated my membership on the sustainability committee of the Scarsdale Forum and was reading up on the Grasscycling issue that it looks like the Board is going to vote on soon.

I just wanted to put my two cents in on the issue, which seems like a no-brainer and why not? My gardeners (I think I've had 4 in my 16 years here) have never picked up the grass and I guess I'd never know the difference if they did. Given the enormous environmental benefits, not to mention the "nutritional" benefits to the lawn, both cited by the committee, valiantly led by Michelle Sterling, it would seem that if the highly educated, resourceful citizens of our town, upon learning of such things, would not immediately have their lawn tenders adopt the practice of leaving the grass on the lawn, then town leadership must and should urge them to do so and, in fact, enforce this practice. There is far too much cow towing to those who want to consume and burden our environment and infrastructure in this town and not enough standing on principles that would go toward doing good for the planet. The gridlock around solar energy approval and the overbuilding in some neighborhoods are just two examples of this. I know our water pressure has suffered severely, especially in summer, due to the increased building in our area. I've confirmed that with the water department, who lament that they are not consulted on building viability. That is astonishing, in my opinion. How is that? And yet the BAR holds sway on grounds of aesthetics. Wow.

But I digress. I just wanted to voice my support for the town-wide adoption of the simple practice of Grasscycling. (My phone is capitalizing it. It must be important.) I do hope the board will vote yes on this and move, ever incrementally, toward an environmental leadership position for our town.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

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