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Subject: Library

Dear Mayor Mark and Board of Trustees,

At last Tuesday's meeting, the Library Committee mounted a very well-organized campaign in favor of transforming Scarsdale Library into a modified Community Center. Currently, many of the rest of Scarsdale's residents appear to be totally uninformed or distracted---perhaps the Reval controversy has temporarily overshadowed the Library matter. I am therefore asking you to delay making a decision on the Library until many in the community can get "up to speed" on the issues.

The committee has quickly glossed over several concerns, among which are ongoing maintenance costs, increases in parking requirements and last but not least total costs. In view of recent increases in real estate taxes, water bill costs and other expenses, I urge the village to exercise caution in examining the current plans presented by the Library Committee. The current plan might become an undesirable expense burden for current and future residents.

Regarding the expenses, the Library Committee has based a significant portion of its physical and financial projections on the expectation of \$8,000,000 from private contributions. It was stated at the meeting that getting private funds before a Village Bond commitment was made, would be difficult. Since this money is critical to the project, this money should definitely be in hand before the Village commits public funds. If this becomes a problem the project might have to be modified accordingly.

I believe that most in the village agree that the library requires a renovation. As you, Mayor Mark, and the Board of Trustees represent all of Scarsdale, including those who have not yet voiced their opinion, as this was, (I believe) the first open Trustee Meeting on the subject, I again ask that you not be swayed solely by last Tuesday's meeting. Hopefully we all eventually can feel that we participated in the planning of this new library.

Sincerely,
Monroe Gliedman