

## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2016 8:00 PM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Cc:** Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole; David Lee (dlee.trustee@gmail.com); Bill Stern; dpekarek@verizon.net; Marc Samwick (marc.samwick@verizon.net); Carl Finger; Matt Callaghan  
**Subject:** Fw: From Resident Susan Levine...

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2016 7:59 PM  
**To:** Bal1998  
**Subject:** Re: From Resident Susan Levine...

Dear Ms. Levine -- Thank you for your thoughtful email.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

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**From:** Bal1998 <bal1998@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2016 5:30 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** From Resident Susan Levine...

Dear Mayor Mark...

A few things...

First to thank you for being so "hands on" in your office..  
like being there for the installation of the Stairs at the Train Station..despite the freezing temps...or being there to  
chat with Benny Salinitro about the newly paved roads in town.,.

You are really working hard for our Village.

Next...I would like to urge the Board to go to the next  
step and implement the new Leaf Collection Method..  
with Mulching or Bagging as the methods we must use.

I am convinced that most people in town do not know about Mulching..or they would ask  
their gardeners to do it...

I hired a new gardener for 2016..since my old gardener refused to mulch..  
The new gardener agreed to Mulch for me in  
November and It was truly a miracle.

My huge amount of Maple leaves turned to dust..and my lawn was saved from ruin..from piles of leaves that remain uncollected for weeks.

With Mulching..seeing is believing. We need our residents to see their gardeners Mulch their leaves. They just need to ask them to do it. Bagging is much harder and requires more time.

Last...

I do hope that the new Reval will be worth what we are paying for it..

I am not sure we should have begun it so soon...with 4-5 years the recommended interval for Revals..

I know Mayor Steves thought it was a good idea..and I have great regard for him..so I reserve judgment.

But I have my fingers crossed that it will not open a new can of worms for the Village and for the Residents.

I thought we should live with the first Reval for a few years.

Despite the lobbying from Real Estate agents(smile).

The words spoken by the Reval company president at the Village Trustee Meeting did Not inspire confidence.

I smiled at the comments from a local builder complaining at the Meeting that his last 3 houses are not yet sold..blaming Village Taxes for that. Such a shame.

Somehow he failed to note that the Huge Prices on his new homes might be part of the problem.

With my thanks to you again for "being there" for all of us.

Susan Levine...  
Ardmore Road

-----Original Message-----

From: Mayor <mayor@scarsdale.com>

To: Bal1998 <bal1998@aol.com>

Cc: Donna Conkling <dconkling@scarsdale.com>

Sent: Sun, Oct 18, 2015 12:43 pm

Subject: Re: From Resident Susan Levine...

Ms. Levine-- Thank you for your thoughtful email. The Board is interested in continuing to consider ways to address the sort of concerns you expressed.

Very truly yours, Jon Mark

Jon Mark,  
Mayor

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From: Bal1998 <[bal1998@aol.com](mailto:bal1998@aol.com)>  
Sent: Sunday, October 18, 2015 11:41:26 AM  
To: Mayor  
Subject: From Resident Susan Levine...

Dear Mayor Mark...

I find it hard to understand why Scarsdale does not wish to consider Gravel impervious..going forward.. as most states do...

The Board's Vote against the change was for me very disappointing.  
I think the builders and real estate voices were much louder than any others.  
But making Gravel Impervious just seemed sensible as a policy.

If there are other ways to deal with the size of new construction in the Village I would be all for it.

Increasing the distance from the Property Line to the New House might help.

I have a New House going up right next to mine(a 1700 feet small Tudor cottage on a 60 by 110 piece of land)

The New House replaces a 1929 Tudor that was torn down to make room for the new construction...on a 130 foot by 110 foot piece of land.

The New House is being built Right Up to the Permitted Property Line on both sides...10 feet from each house...and covers about 4786 feet of its allowed 4800 feet of coverage.

It will be as High as is legally Possible..and has a Basement and a Third Floor...so I will no longer have Any Light on my entire North Side..something I have enjoyed for 46 years in my Scarsdale home..

I will probably be able to hear the new owners if they snore.

\*\*Requiring the Side Setbacks to be Greater would have been helpful in this case...allowing for a little Less House and more space between our homes.

So that would be one way to mitigate the problem of these Very Large Homes that are being built in neighborhoods where Much Smaller homes once happily stood...  
There is now almost no space to walk by on the sides

of these giants. And they loom over their neighbors  
with impunity.

They make the Builders and the Real Estate Agents very happy.

The nearby Residents..not so much.

Thanks for listening.

Susan Levine  
Ardmore Road