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Mayor Jon Mark  
Village Hall  
Scarsdale, NY 10583

Dear Mayor Mark,

On Monday night Peter and I went to the Board of Architectural Review to protest the nine foot high storage shed that is going to be placed close to the fence that divides our property from that of the house at 157 Brewster Road. The concrete slab for this was laid before permission was requested from the BAR. The BAR declined to make a decision and we must negotiate the placement and height of this shed with the home owner.

This monster size house was built during the spring and summer. We face a rear façade that boasts 27 windows overlooking our property. The architecture firm is Choura-- a firm that is building another monster opposite the Greenacres School and a few other houses elsewhere in the Village. These houses lack a careful design—too many disparate elements—and overwhelm the plots. Their roofs rise above those of the neighboring buildings. They are destroying the character of the neighborhood.

This letter is an appeal to the Village Board to find a way to limit the size of oversize houses on small plots. There are some new houses in Greenacres that are attractive although too large, but nothing like the one we will have to look at as long as we are here. Anyone who finds a workable solution to this problem will be leaving a significant legacy to Scarsdale Village. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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