

**THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIXTH**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Video Conference  
Via Zoom  
January 12, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Scarsdale was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 via video conference (Zoom) at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Samwick and Trustees Arest, Crandall, Lewis, Ross, Waldman and Whitestone. Also present were Village Manager Pappalardo, Deputy Village Manager Cole, Assistant Village Manager Richards, Village Attorney Pozin, Village Treasurer Scaglione, Village Clerk Conkling, and Assistant to the Village Manager Katzin.

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**Minutes**

The minutes of the Board of Trustees Limited Agenda Meeting of Tuesday, December 22, 2020 were approved on a motion entered by Trustee Crandall, seconded by Trustee Ross, and carried unanimously.

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**Bills & Payroll**

Trustee Arest reported that he had audited the Abstract of Claims dated January 12, 2021 in the amount of \$440,117.11 which included \$33,231.92 in Library Claims previously audited by a Trustee of the Library Board, which were found to be in order and he moved that such payment be ratified.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Arest and seconded by Trustee Crandall, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**RESOLVED**, that the Abstract of Claims dated January 12, 2021 in the amount of \$440,117.11 is hereby approved.

Trustee Arest further reported that he had examined the payment of bills made in advance of a Board of Trustees audit totaling \$750,227.90 which were found to be in order and he moved that such payments be ratified.

Upon motion duly made by Trustee Arest and seconded by Trustee Ross, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**RESOLVED**, that payment of claims made in advance of a Board of Trustees audit totaling \$440,117.11 is hereby ratified.

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### Mayors Comments

Mayor Samwick offered the Mayor's Comments, stating, "With optimism and hope for a better 2021, I wish you and your families a healthy, happy and peaceful new year.

Last night, there was a serious car accident in Fox Meadow. Our thoughts and prayers are with the five teenagers that are hospitalized, and we wish each of them a speedy and complete recovery. We would also like to keep all of those who are sick or who have recently lost loved ones in our hearts. May the memories of those who have been lost be a blessing.

2020 was a shock, or more appropriately, a series of shocks to our community, as it was across the country and the globe. Over the past year, we have faced a pandemic, a lockdown, an economic downturn, racial injustice, a major tropical storm, a tumultuous national election and a constitutional crisis. We have been tested in many ways. We even had a black bear roaming through the Village.

In Scarsdale, we are fortunate that our Village continues to perform at a high level - though it certainly hasn't been easy. Our manager-form of government continues to serve us well with part-time volunteer elected officials with term limits and a professional staff often with long-term tenures that bring experience and professionalism to the day-to-day management of Village operations. Over the past year, staff's experience in managing varied emergencies, coupled with our history of conservative fiscal stewardship, laid the groundwork for Scarsdale to be in a favorable position to weather this series of storms.

Your Village government and professional staff quickly responded to each of the crises that arose in the Village and to shift operations and fiscal management to responsibly address the rapidly onset of each of these emergencies. On behalf of our community, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to our Village staff – from the extremely capable Village Manager who steered us through each of these crises with skill, poise and professionalism to our janitors who had radical shifts in their jobs and rolled up their sleeves and helped protect residents and staff with new and much more extensive cleaning protocols to our sanitation engineers that continued trash collection in spite to risks they never imagined they would face to so many more examples of heroism that were never expected.

I could literally go on for hours and share stories of how members of staff in every single department went well above and beyond the call of duty, faced a new unseen threat and expanded job descriptions and did so with grace and professionalism. Make no mistake, there have been and remain real strains that staff are under as a result of this series of challenges. I would like to again offer my sincere gratitude to each Village employee. Your work is important, and you have again shown your dedication to Scarsdale and its residents and we are clearly a better place because you are part of our community.

I also offer to residents the suggestion that you have patience when dealing with staff as they continue to work remotely or often in an understaffed office and they endure the ongoing strains of the pandemic. I also ask that you join me in thanking staff whenever you interact with them. Village government is here to serve you and Scarsdale is very fortunate to have an exceptional group of employees at the service of this great community.

It is also important that we continue to help our friends, neighbors and loved ones slow the spread of COVID-19 by adhering to the following guidelines:

- Wear a mask.
- Wash or sanitize your hands frequently.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Practice social distancing.
- Stay at home if you are not feeling well.
- Get a vaccine when it's your turn and encourage others to do the same.

Undertaking these efforts, including encouraging children, teens, and young adults, will reduce the likelihood that more rigorous restrictions on businesses and our daily activities may need to be reinstated.

We've done a great job locally. Although the number of infections has risen meaningfully over the past couple of months with 83 currently active cases in Scarsdale, our active cases per capita remain well below those of many of our nearby neighbors. There is light at the end of the tunnel with vaccine rollouts continuing. While we are waiting for widespread vaccinations, please stay healthy and safe.

One of the most important responsibilities of the Village Board is to review and adopt the annual municipal budget. As elected officials and residents, we take the matter very seriously. As you may know, Village staff undertake substantial effort to present a proposed budget that is both fiscally conservative and responsive to community needs. This is a difficult balance to achieve in most years, but an exceptionally challenging task amidst a continuing pandemic. We are very fortunate to have a long history of responsible fiscal stewardship that has provided us with a number of levers with which we can manage these challenging fiscal times. Our long-term fiscal discipline has provided us with the fiscal flexibility to manage through this economic downturn.

Importantly, budget development is a public process, and all residents are encouraged to participate. It is also a way to understand necessary trade-offs and help determine the impact of such decisions on local property taxes and level of municipal services provided.

Because of broad economic uncertainties and certain budget impacts related to COVID-19, this year's budget process started a month early. All department heads were directed to be mindful of the revenue picture and present alternative cost reduction scenarios. The initial public meetings involving discussion of the proposed budget with the Village Board start with our first pass budget meeting next Thursday, January 21st at 5pm and all are encouraged to attend via Zoom.

In fact, all budget meetings are planned to be via Zoom. The notice and agenda for each budget meeting is available on the Village's website. Staff are committed to posting each meeting's materials online in advance, as soon as practical ahead of the meeting. Please also note that a consolidated summary of the Budget Schedule is available on the Village Treasurer's Budget Webpage.

I look forward to an engaged community participation in development of the FY 21-22 Village Budget.

As we begin this New Year filled with its new offerings and responsibilities, let us draw strength from our extraordinary community and use our own strength to bolster and support one another.

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### Manager's Comments

To the Mayor, Village Manager Pappalardo expressed his appreciation and thanked him for the remarks that he made, and echoed his platitudes, toward the excellent professional staff. He noted that there are a number of them on the zoom call tonight, adding that they have certainly stepped up under difficult circumstances. He stated that he would also thank the members of the Village Board for their understanding and patience as they function under the restrictions of the pandemic and the other challenges that the Mayor mentioned; he knows that they haven't been able to meet as often and achieve as many of their goals and objectives. He added that we hope to get back to some sense of normalcy in the months ahead and try to regain the functionality that we're used to in this Village, but it's been a long and difficult haul. We're all in it together and we're going to come out of it. We'll see each other quite often during the budget process coming up that is starting in earnest next week.

Village Manager Pappalardo stated that he has a report this evening to discuss the New York State COVID-19 vaccination process. For the benefit of the Board and those in the community, he would like to give a little outline of what's going on.

Village Manager Pappalardo stated that New York State is receiving 300,000 vaccines per week from the Federal government. As of yesterday, January 11th, members of the public in Groups 1A, which includes all health care workers, comprised of 1.4 million people, and 1B, which include individuals age 65 and older as well as first responders, including local police, career and volunteer firefighters, correction officers, public transit workers and School District faculty and staff for pre-school to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, are eligible for COVID-19 vaccine shots. An estimated 4 million people fall into this category for a total, with the Group 1A numbers, of 5.4 million of the 20 million New Yorkers.

Locally, the Scarsdale Volunteer Ambulance Corps EMS workers received their vaccination shots under Group 1A, and Scarsdale's Police Officers and Fire fighters, both career and volunteer are currently scheduling appointments, with some members already vaccinated. In addition, our Justice Court staff and court officers are eligible for the vaccine under Group 1B.

At this rate, New York State anticipates vaccinating Groups 1A & 1B over a period of 14 weeks, a time period which will undoubtedly increase based on current demands.

A listing of all eligible persons in Groups 1A & 1B is available online at [NY.gov/vaccine](http://NY.gov/vaccine). Members of the public may use the “Am I Eligible” tool on the site to:

- Determine their eligibility status and to
- Find the nearest Point of Dispensing Sites to make their appointment, if available.

Those eligible individuals seeking an appointment can do so via the website or through the NYS Vaccination Hotline at 1-833-697-4829. However, due to the volume of calls, this hotline number is temporarily disabled so the website is the currently the only option to schedule your vaccination. A NYS COVID-19 Vaccination Form must be completed by all persons receiving a vaccination available on the website.

The Village issued a press release yesterday with updates today on the Village website listing all eligible groups and the method for securing a vaccination appointment. The press release can be viewed on the Village website at [www.scarsdale.com](http://www.scarsdale.com).

Please note that what’s been described here is the only method for scheduling an appointment for a vaccine shot appointment and it must be accomplished through the State of New York. The vaccine is only available through appointment. Do not visit a vaccine site as a walk-in patient and expect to receive the vaccine.

If you are currently sick with COVID-19, do not sign up for an appointment. Stay in isolation until you have recovered, and then make an appointment.

There is more information on the aforementioned NYS vaccine website relative to the vaccination process and he encouraged all to visit the site to become better informed.

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### Public Hearings

Trustee Arest stated that he would like to echo the sentiments that were just shared; he stated that clearly, the work that's been done has been incredible and the dedication shown in extremely difficult times, during something that he didn't think we ever expected to see in our lifetime. He gave a heartfelt thank you also to the Village Manager, not just for all of his work – he already works crazy hours and he knows that it's been even harder for him during this time. He also thanked the Village Manager for the thoughts about the Board.

In regard to the following two (2) public hearings, Trustee Arest stated that he would like to run them currently this evening. He explained that one is for a local law amending Chapter 245 of the Scarsdale Village Code, entitled Sidewalk Cafes, and the other local law is to amend Chapter 256 of the Scarsdale Village Code, entitled Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places.

Before opening the public hearings, he gave an overview of the proposed local laws. He stated that most of this is an extension of what the Board has already done with Chapter 245, Sidewalk Cafes. He noted that no one ever expected to be advocating for sidewalk dining in January, but it couldn't be more important. We need to support our local restaurants and we have to shop local. We have to try to help them survive this – these months could be the most difficult time for them.

Trustee Arest stated that in regard to Sidewalk Cafes, this change will be retroactive to the extent possible from January 1<sup>st</sup> through the entire year. There is no automatic expiration in this amendment and it will force the Board to reassess what the proper months should be going forward. For now, everything will have to be removed by January 1, 2022 and all the other particular regulations will apply.

Trustee Arest stated that the second local law is has to do with the ability to display and where there is the possibility of curbside pickup for our merchants. The only change here is this will similarly run for the entire year and could, of course, be changed earlier than the end of the year, just like any other law. However, this does have an automatic expiration, in which case it will just expire completely because it was never in the Code to begin with. This was completely novel to the situation that we're in. He stated that if situation changes and there's a desire, we can have that conversation later. However, at this point this is just another extension.

The only the only change though that Trustee Arest stated he wanted to point out is that we are giving the opportunity to service providers and people who want to display for those businesses who are not on the ground floor, and may be above the retail space. They will need the landlord's permission. They can't obstruct another retail tenant's space. He noted that they did not receive any requests for this; there was no interest at all. However, there were at least one or two residents who suggested doing this, and if it's something that could possibly help one business in our Village center or in any of our other retail centers, the Village Task Force felt we should do everything we can. There isn't an obvious detriment, and the Board would like to at least give that option going forward.

Trustee Arest stated that those are the two changes to the Village Code being discussed by Public Hearing this evening. At this time he opened the public hearings for public comment. He asked that the public please remember that any comments heard now should be specific to these two changes. He noted that he will have additional comments for other recommendations from the Village Task Force during liaison comments.

**Marcy Berman-Goldstein**, 10 Olmsted Road, Co-President of the Scarsdale Business Alliance stated that she would like to thank the Village Board and staff, again, on behalf of the Scarsdale Business Alliance for working with them to find creative solutions for their customers to shop and dine during this incredibly challenging time. She stated that the Scarsdale Business Alliance fully supports the proposed amendments to Chapters 245 and 256 of the Code, allowing the extension of sidewalk cafes for restaurants and utilization of storefront sidewalks. She stated that there has been a tremendous amount of positive feedback from the business community and from our patrons. The ability to dine and shop outside has allowed them to serve their customers safely.

Ms. Berman Goldstein continued, stating that now more than ever we need to continue to support our local restaurants and shops. These resolutions meet the needs of their merchants and consumers. The SBA looks forward to their ongoing collaborative partnership with the Village, as they continue to infuse the downtown center and all of the retail hubs in Scarsdale with a sense of community and togetherness.

As there were no further public comments to be heard, Trustee Arest entered a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Ross and carried by a unanimous vote.

Trustee Arest stated that due to the time sensitivity of these two local laws, and the number of restaurants and merchant service providers depending on the laws being enacted, he stated that barring any objection, he would like to move forward to adopt the two local laws. There were no objections from the Board.

Upon motion entered by Trustee Arest, and seconded by Trustee Crandall, the following Local Law #1, 2021 was adopted by the vote indicated below:

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW # 1 OF 2021  
A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 245 OF THE SCARSDALE VILLAGE  
CODE  
ENTITLED SIDEWALK CAFES

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Scarsdale as follows:

§ 245-6. Regulations.

- A.** The permit is valid from January 1 to December 31. Permits must be renewed annually. All existing one-year permits as of the date of this amendment shall continue until expired.
- B.** Sidewalk cafes and their appurtenances must be removed by the first Monday in January, 2022.
- C.** No outdoor music shall be permitted.
- D.** When the associated food-serving establishment is not open and/or the sidewalk cafe is not in use, all furnishings, utensils, containers, chairs, tables, umbrellas or any other materials used in the operation of the sidewalk cafe or within the area used by the sidewalk cafe shall be neatly stacked, bundled or be stored in an approved manner.
- E.** All sidewalk cafes shall close operations by 10:00 p.m. each night and shall not begin before 8:00 a.m. each morning.
- F.** Sidewalk cafes and the public property on which they are located shall be kept neat and clean at all times and free from litter or any substance that may damage the sidewalk or cause pedestrian injury.

- G. The applicant shall be responsible for any damage caused to any sidewalk or public property.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Trustee Arest	None	None
Trustee Crandall		
Trustee Lewis		
Trustee Ross		
Trustee Waldman		
Trustee Whitestone		
Mayor Samwick		

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Upon motion entered by Trustee Arest, and seconded by Trustee Crandall, the following Local Law #2, 2021 was adopted by the vote indicated below:

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2021  
 A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 256 OF THE SCARSDALE VILLAGE  
 CODE  
 ENTITLED STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PLACES

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Scarsdale as follows:

Section 1. The Code of the Village of Scarsdale is temporarily amended by repealing Section 256-1 thereof entitled "Permit Required to Obstruct" in its entirety and replacing same with the following:

"§ 256-1 Permit required to obstruct.

- A. No person shall obstruct any street, sidewalk, public easement or other public place without first securing a written permit from the Village Engineer and complying with such regulations affecting obstructions as the Village Engineer may prescribe. The Village Engineer's decision to grant or deny a permit application shall be made within three business days after a completed permit application has been received by the Village. No owner or lessee of any premises in the Village shall permit any goods, wares or merchandise owned or controlled by him to be kept, stored, displayed or sold on or directly above any sidewalk adjoining such premises. No owner or lessee of any premises in the Village shall permit any refuse or waste from such premises to be kept or stored on or directly above any sidewalk adjoining such premises without first securing a written permit from the Village Manager and complying with such regulations and restrictions as may be prescribed in such written permit.

B. Notwithstanding anything contained in Chapter 245 of this Code or subsection A above to the contrary, any owner or lessee of any premises operated as a retail store, food service establishment or sidewalk café as such terms are defined in this Village Code, or as a nonresidential use occupying any ground floor street-facing space, located in the Village Center and/or adjacent to any retail or food service establishment property in other areas of the Village, shall be permitted to display and/or sell on or directly above any sidewalk or other public space its goods, wares or merchandise, food and beverages subject to such owner or lessee obtaining a revocable permit for same from the Village Engineer at the Village Engineer’s sole discretion. Further, any owner or lessee of any nonresidential use occupying any space above a ground floor shall be permitted to place on or directly above any sidewalk or other public space, a table for the pick up or drop off of goods, wares or merchandise provided such table shall not impede the view of or access to any ground floor establishment as referenced herein above, and subject to such owner or lessee obtaining a revocable permit for same from the Village Engineer at the Village Engineer’s discretion. Such permit shall be subject to reasonable rules and conditions to be established by a committee comprised of two (2) members of the Village Board of Trustees as designated by the Mayor, the Village Manager or his/her designee, the Village Planner and the Village Engineer. Such permit shall be subject to any limitations or conditions of any executive order or equivalent, issued by the Governor of New York or the Westchester County Executive.

C. Section 256-1(B) shall automatically expire on December 31, 2021 unless sooner repealed by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. Section 256-1(B) shall automatically expire on December 31, 2021, unless sooner repealed by the Board of Trustees.

Section 3. Severability. The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part or provision of this local law shall not affect the validity of any part of this local law which can be given effect without such valid part or parts.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Trustee Arest	None	None
Trustee Crandall		
Trustee Lewis		
Trustee Ross		
Trustee Waldman		
Trustee Whitestone		
Mayor Samwick		

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Mayor Samwick thanked the Committee and the Scarsdale Business Alliance. He stated that she and the SBA have really done a phenomenal job. These are extraordinary times and the work that's being done there is innovative and creative, and it's being done at rapid speed.

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### Public Comment

Mayor Samwick: Moving now on to public comment but open public comment as most people probably know it's a five minute limit. There's also a second public comments section at the end of the meeting.

**Robert Berg**, 17 Black Birch Lane, stated that at the last Village Board meeting of the year, which was a limited agenda meeting, with no opportunity for public comment, the Board approved a retroactive two year contract with the Professional Firefighters union. He stated that this was not an appropriate meeting to adopt such a contract without public comment. He noted that the minutes of that meeting show that Trustees Crandall and Lewis shared their concerns that the Trustees were not included in the contract negotiations which appeared have been handled virtually entirely by staff and our counsel. He stated that this is a poor government practice and it is not how the School Board operates.

Mr. Berg stated that the professional firefighters' contract is extremely costly to taxpayers and it's probably the richest in terms of benefits. He questioned whether or not the current budget already includes this amount or if it will be a new additional 'hit' to the current budget. Is this amount currently unfunded and does it have to be funded from elsewhere?

Secondly, Mr. Berg stated that every second Friday night, he looks forward to the agenda for the upcoming meeting because there's usually an item he will be interested in. He stated that this week, is a resolution calling for a public hearing, amending Chapter 269 of the Village Code to add a new article entitled "Real Property Assessment of Converted Condominiums". As far as he knows, this has never been discussed by the Board of Trustees before, nor has it been a topic of any Village Board meeting. He asked how this could be on the agenda as a resolution calling for a public hearing with no prior public discussion. He stated that this is an historic proposed change that has enormous ramifications for the Village going forward, not in the narrow sense because it applies only to single family homes and homeowner associations that are being converted to condominiums and treats them based on their market value as opposed to being based on imputed rental income. He stated that it is a very good and fair appropriate way to treat those properties and should be accepted, but it has to be considered against the backdrop of the Christie Place Condominiums. He noted that prior Boards refused to adopt the Homestead tax option in connection with past two revaluations.

Mr. Berg stated that the Board needs to address these issues together and have thorough public discussion. He added that the last revaluation was in 2016 and the property values have changed enormously. He stated that it is time to consider a new revaluation.

Mayor Samwick responded that the Fire Fighters Agreement was approved at the last Limited Agenda Meeting of the Board on December 22, 2019. This agreement was in the Board's packet for the meeting prior to that on December 8<sup>th</sup>. At that time, the agreement was referred over to the December 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. There was ample opportunity for public comment once that information was put out to the public with the December 8<sup>th</sup> agenda packet.

Mayor Samwick noted that this agreement goes back about 1 ½ years and forward about six months in the current year. There are certainly increases in the first year, and that's the budget impact. Although he believed the money for the increase is in the current budget, he requested that the Village Manager confirm this, which he did, stating that the money was indeed in the current year budget.

With respect to the amendment on taxation, Mayor Samwick stated that one of the ways that the Board communicates with the public is to put agenda items out there and have people weigh in on it. He also noted that Mr. Berg brought up a lot of different points with respect to this topic.

Mayor Samwick stated that without a new revaluation, there is nothing the Board can do with a Homestead Tax Option discussion. With regard to this new chapter in the Code, he noted that other communities have started working on this as well. The impetus behind this is to try to get ahead of the issue and make sure nothing slips through the cracks.

**Robert Harrison**, 65 Fox Meadow Road, wished everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year and hoped things would get better this year. Mr. Harrison also spoke about him and his wife having difficulty getting COVID-19 vaccines. He gave residents a number to call connected with Westchester County to try to get an appointment for a vaccine – 914-995-4050.

Mr. Harrison next discussed the comfort station at the Middle School tennis courts which the Village Board and the School Board both signed an Intermunicipal Agreement to construct same. He stated that he followed up on this to see when the plans were being submitted to the State Education Department, and found that they were finally submitted about a week ago. He stated that he has been in touch with DPW Superintendent Jeff Coleman and has also gotten in touch with the architect firm of LAN Architects, who has experience with working with the Education department. He stated that the architect has noted that it may take two to three months before the plans get approved, so hopefully, this can be built for this spring for both our athletes, and our students who are tennis players, as well as our residents.

Mr. Harrison stated that the Scarsdale Summer Youth Tennis League continues to raise \$10,000 as a gift to this project. At this time, they have raised \$7,500. He stated that donations would be gladly accepted and that community members may make their check payable to the Scarsdale Summer Youth Tennis League. Checks should be mailed to 65 Fox Meadow Road, Scarsdale, NY. He noted that those that donate \$1,000 to the project will be considered Gold Donors, and that there are several donors at that level, including himself and his wife. Contributors of \$500 are Silver donors and donations of \$250 are Bronze donors. He urged the community to support this project.

As there were no further public comments, this public comment section of the meeting was closed at this time by Mayor Samwick.

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### Trustee Liaison Reports

Trustee Arest stated that the Village Reopening Task Force (VTRF) has put together a memorandum summarizing, some of their recommendations, including the one that took place this evening in the adoption of the local law amendments. He then read the entire document of recommendations submitted by the VTRF:

#### **“Recommendation 1: Continuation of Successful Initiatives**

##### *Chapters 245 and 256 of Village Code*

It cannot be understated that outdoor dining has been essential for restaurants fighting to keep their doors open over the past ten months. Continuing to extend the use of our sidewalks for our restaurants is well advised and fully supported by the VTRF. These permits are of course subject to safety regulations as per the Village Engineer, but we believe working with these stakeholders is imperative to keeping our Village retail centers as strong as possible in the short and medium term.

Similarly, with the potential display of merchant wares, while we do not view this as a panacea for our shops, having the option to at the very least set up pick up and drop off stations is not only welcome by our merchant community and the Scarsdale Business Alliance representing them, but is also smart governing in the interests of both health and safety.

##### *Food Tents*

The VTRF believes that activities permitted to take place on Spencer Place, the Freightway Open Lot, and Beatty Lot over the past several months were creative and accommodating and focused on helping our vulnerable foodservice stakeholders during the Covid-19 pandemic. There were also benefits for residents, patrons and other merchants as additional outdoor seating was created. We do not believe the move back to indoors for the masses will be seen in the coming months which makes continuing to allow these opportunities all the more important.

The VTRF hopes that permit holders may work with the Village Manager’s Office and Recreation Department to make even more efficient use of the tents while not used for food and beverage and potentially offer programming geared towards residents and patrons and particularly our senior population when possible and appropriate.

We recognize that there are tradeoffs with these uses including loss of parking revenue, and traffic concerns due to at least one road closure. Parking revenue loss should be limited and hopefully offset by additional parking recommendations/changes below.

Traffic is always a concern and we believe any permitting contemplated herein should continue to be subject to modification due to safety concerns and have a term that ends on Labor Day 2021. We support use of these areas beyond such time but agree that any additional commitment can only come with time and greater clarity for what the late summer and early fall will bring.

### **Recommendation 2: Parking**

Christie Place Commuter Lot has become a focus of the VRTF. While spots remain open, we are determined to find a use for our Village Center patrons and merchant community while also being sensitive to our residents still relying on those spaces for their commute. If this can be achieved and promoted, we believe it can also create additional needed revenue.

Therefore, we recommend immediately replacing the 3-hour Pango parking zone (previously recommended by the VRTF) with a new zone that allows parking up to 8 hours. This zone should only commence at 10am Monday through Friday to ensure that commuters are not inconvenienced. As a reminder, this lot has no parking restrictions (besides pertaining to overnight parking) on weekends.

### **Recommendation 3: Placemaking and Identity**

Clearly given our current constraints, adequate reevaluation of our retail centers in the context of placemaking cannot be an immediate priority. But that does not mean we cannot start thinking about it and recommend that the Village Board has discussions on what kind of planning can and should be considered for our retail centers during budget meetings in the coming weeks.

As for the shorter term, we believe that a couple changes/additions could prove very helpful. Our parking should be clearly labeled as 90-minute maximum spaces. Municipal Parking, whether it be in the Freightway Open Lot through the valet or at the newly created spots in Christie Place should be clearly indicated for patrons to find. Weekend use of Christie Place has existed for years and yet it is unclear how many residents, patrons and merchants are aware.

### **Recommendation 4: Enforcement and Data Collection**

The VRTF believes that the full benefits of the changes already made and those recommended can be best achieved with active enforcement from Village Personnel. "Feeding the meters," particularly by merchants, continues to be a reported issue. We will have ample parking options for all stakeholders.

We also believe that there is more that can be done with the data our License Plate Readers (LPR) are collecting and hope to discuss the possibilities with law enforcement and the VM Office again soon.

### **Recommendation 5: Chase Park**

Chase Park remains an underutilized asset. How the park may or not be used in the long term should be part of a more holistic conversation and even possibly a study. But, in the short term, over the coming months while the Village continues to look for safe ways to offer programming to our community and, in addition to the Recreation Department, we believe that a section of Chase Park should be available to local service providers during limited times, subject to insurance/indemnifications requirements and a fee. This would be a targeted attempt to combat the impacts of Covid-19 and the VRTF is willing and eager to work with our Village Attorney to ensure unintended legal implications are considered and resolved.

### **Potential Future Recommendations**

These are the recommendations that the VRTF is ready to share with the Village Board and Village Manager at this time. We hope that everything noted herein can be implemented immediately. There were many ideas shared amongst the Task Force from residents, merchants, Village Board Members, local civic organizations and Village Staff. The VRTF thanks everyone who participated in some way and hopes that all stakeholders continue to reach out. Please remember to e-mail any ideas or comments to [reopening@scarsdale.com](mailto:reopening@scarsdale.com).

To give a sense of two ideas that have yet to make the cut:

#### *Street Closures*

There has been success in the past closing part and or/all of Spencer Place and Harwood Court for limited engagements such as the Scarsdale Music Festival, Concours D'Elegance, Chalk the 'Dale, Sidewalk Sales and Health and Wellness Fairs. There is certainly support for more such events in the Village Center as a benefit for residents and merchants. We continue to discuss whether a regular closure of the streets could be helpful. At least at the current time, we have ample parking, and creating a pedestrian plaza might be appreciated and attractive for more patrons to window shop safely. Ideas have included closing the roads to vehicular traffic on Sundays only but the VRTF would welcome additional feedback.

#### *Short Term Parking*

20-minute pickup spots throughout the Village could be used for curbside and in-store pickup. At this time, the Scarsdale Business Alliance did not believe the benefit of these spots would outweigh the detriment of losing additional 90-minute spaces. We have agreed to continue monitoring this as an option.

We also are monitoring other municipalities and are aware that creative outdoor structures have been erected for dining and on-street parking has been converted for outdoor dining. We did not believe that materially enclosed structures met the intent of what is allowed for outdoor dining nor do they provide the health protections of completely open-air dining. There are some safety concerns regarding converting parking spots into dining areas on active roadways. We believe that we have provided alternative solutions where needed but of course are open to discussing this further.

Finally, it is important to note that while the focus for increasing outdoor dining with additional tented areas might appear to be centered in the Village Center- Spencer Place and Garth Road, other retail areas in Scarsdale were visited and examined. Both the Five Corners and Golden Horseshoe brought their own unique complexities including that their respective parking areas are privately owned. We have been and continue to be open to new ideas from their respective landlords and tenants. As we have stated previously, our goal is to remove as much red tape as possible and work with all stakeholders to help Scarsdale stay strong.”

Trustee Arest reminded everyone to shop and dine the Dale whenever they have the opportunity. We are one community and we definitely want to support our merchants always, but particularly at this time.

Trustee Arest stated that he also wanted to thank everyone, including Assistant Village Manager Ingrid Richards, who has been amazing, and the Village Engineer, David Goessl. He also named Village Planning Greg Cutler and the Co-Presidents of the SBA. Marcy Berman-Goldstein and former Deputy Mayor Jane Veron, who was kind enough to stay on. He stated that they have also had consultation from the Advisory Council on Communications and Chair Dara Gruenberg.

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Trustee Waldman reported as Liaison to the Library, stating that the Library recently updated its website. The improved format makes it easier to get information, find online resources, sign up for programs, and reserve books and materials. The community can check this out at [scarsdalelibrary.org](https://scarsdalelibrary.org).

The Library has increased its virtual program offering for all ages, as well as offering take and make crafts for kids, teens and adults.

The Library is hosting Scarsdale High School Alum (class of 1974) and acclaimed author Gish Jen this Thursday night. She will be interviewed by SHS English teacher Jennifer Rosenzweig about her latest book, The Resisters. Please register on the Library website for this Zoom program.

Trustee Waldman reported that the Apiary Cafe has been open now for a month at the Library. The menu is available on the Library homepage and you can order online. Food from the Apiary is available for breakfast and lunch pick up, and the Library encourages the community to check their menu and support the Apiary at the Library for your dining needs.

Contactless pick up and book drop off is continuing at the Library and is going well.

Trustee Waldman then reported on the upcoming vacancies on the Village’s Boards and Councils and appointments. She stated that the 2020-2021 term for Boards and Councils is coming to an end and they are beginning the process to fill the vacancies and make appointments for the 2021-2022 term which begins in April. She encouraged all

residents to consider applying to serve on Boards and Councils. Those interested can visit the Village's website at [www.scarsdale.com](http://www.scarsdale.com) and apply for a position on their desired Board or Council – there is something for everyone, ranging from land use boards, library board, technology, council for the arts, youth and senior councils, and parks and recreation. She urged residents to take a look at all of the available boards and councils to serve on – all residents are eligible. She looked forward to seeing applications from many residents this year.

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Trustee Whitestone stated that “I’d like to second Trustee Waldman’s remarks. Our Boards and Councils are an important part of the wiring of the Village, and one foundational way many of our residents see local government in action, as we saw earlier this evening with the CAC report on leaf blowers. They’re on the front lines of what matters to our residents. Our neighbors who volunteer their time by serving on these bodies deserve our thanks for the needed roles they play. I hope going forward we can have the broadest possible representation on our Boards and Councils, and encourage everyone to think about it and consider applying. Against the backdrop of a pandemic and, nationally, social and political turmoil, that sense of connectedness really matters these days. We should all feel ownership of how OUR Village – the most local form of government -- is run.

Also briefly, speaking of important work in challenging times, the Scarsdale Drug & Alcohol Task Force, a community coalition dedicated to reducing underage use of drugs and alcohol, lists a number of events scheduled for this month, including programs for parents and teens. Examples include “Helping Your Teen Overcome Anxiety and Depression,” “Building Resilience,” and “Maybe It’s Not Just Experimentation” on spotting the signs and symptoms of substance misuse and mental health disorders. For details, go to [www.scarsdaleatf.org](http://www.scarsdaleatf.org) and click on the “Events” tab.”

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Trustee Lewis stated that he will be speaking about the United Westchester report that was just released.

“I was appointed by Mayor Samwick several months ago to be our designee to the United Westchester working group. I served with a cross section of elected officials from our county on the United Westchester executive committee. Last week, we released our 96 page report on the Tropical storm that devastated our county last summer, and the results from our investigation for how both private sector partners and the county responded.

We also testified last week before the NYS Public Service Commission regarding our recommendations which are detailed fully in the report.

I want to thank both our County Executive George Latimer and Assemblyperson Amy Paulin for their leadership on this effort - they served as the co-chairs of the United Westchester Executive Committee. I also want to say it was an honor and pleasure to serve as co-chair with Assemblyperson Buchwald on our subcommittee on weather. I also chaired the United Westchester subcommittee on county emergency management and will comment on that in a moment as well.

As Assemblywoman Amy Paulin explained: Our report “details recommendations which need to be followed in order to effectively address the utility and telecom failings which occurred after Isaias and prior storms.”

I will take a few minutes to summarize highlights from this important report and our recommendations:

Among the other recommendations for Con Edison and NYSEG:

- The use of Smart Meters to track customers who are without power, creating a live interactive outage map for public viewing
- A regularly updated and shared list of critical facilities
- An updated map of Con Edison’s grid provided to each municipality
- Better internal communications in Con Edison between management, field and workers.
- The creation of the utility reserve corps
- Better supply and distribution of dry ice
- A ten-year storm hardening plan and implementation

Among the recommendations for Altice and Verizon:

- Improved coordination with electric utility companies during post-storm customer service tools and availability
- Providing municipal officials with operational contacts
- Giving customers credits when they lose access to telecommunications services
- For Altice, upgrading infrastructure and powering network nodes during power outages

At the center of all this is the weather. Our review of utilities, how they use weather forecasting, reveals divergent practices between companies that may not always be aligned with the interests of our residents. In certain cases, individual utilities like Con Ed used a weather forecast that differed greatly from the NWS, with devastating effect for how they managed the storm and its aftermath.

Yet, the types of audit functions we see in other industries to ensure that tasks are handled properly when there is an issue of great public interest at stake, does not occur here in the regulation of utilities and how they use weather forecasting and impact models.

Con Ed’s use of weather forecasting, its governance of weather forecasting and impact models, concerns us and we think the public interest requires the creation of a new audit policy to be implemented by the Public Service Commission. When we testified before NYS PSC we:

Specifically recommended that The Public Service Commission should audit the weather forecasts and, the impact models or predictions based on those weather forecasts used by electric utility companies. The Public Service Commission should assess the process used to make operational decisions based on those methods and models as well.

Regarding EM: The conclusion from our survey of county municipalities is that the Westchester County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) are highly regarded. 25 municipalities participated in the survey and the consensus is that they feel well served and supported by the OEM and EOC. Given the increased temp of emergencies this was important positive feedback, but work remains:

The survey revealed there is demand for OEM and OEC to play a greater role in helping the county prepare for, manage, and respond to events, disasters and storms. The county was very open and collaborate working with us on the United Westchester project and set a high standard for openness on emergency management issues and we had collaborative conversations with county staff on emergency issues.

To that end, there is overwhelming support from municipalities for the County to lead and coordinate the development of a County-wide Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan:

Of the 25 municipalities that responded to the United Westchester questionnaire, 24 support the creation of a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

We have four recommendations to consider in the development of a new plan:

- 1: There is broad support for OEM to lead additional planning and training activities throughout the year in preparation for storms and emergencies. This would support the development of shared skills and knowledge to improve coordination.
- 2: There is widespread interest among municipalities for OEM to play a larger role in the procurement and distribution of resources needed to respond to and recover from disasters.
- 3: There is interest in creating a common web-based incident management system to facilitate responsiveness and resilience. This would improve collaboration as well. There are divergent views on this subject, but support is sufficiently broad-based to merit exploration of this topic.
- 4: The County should consider putting in place standard protocols to facilitate coordination in response to emergency events.

All of these recommendations reflect the spirit of United Westchester: collaborating across the county to reduce risk, improve outcomes and resiliency after emergency events. Our goal: strengthening our emergency capabilities to save lives.”

Trustee Lewis thanked all of his fellow members of the Executive Committee and that he is grateful for the support that the County Executive gave to all of these recommendations and also of the support of Assembly person. He also gave a public shout out to Deputy Village Manager Rob Cole, who was an invaluable resource for him in his work chairing this committee. He stated that Deputy Village Manager Cole is an extraordinary gift to this Village.

Mayor Samwick thanked Trustee Lewis for his report. He stated that he has heard from a number of different people and a number of different meetings and avenues about the work that United Westchester and Trustee Lewis did. He stated that Trustee Lewis really stepped up, noting that he was one of only two elected officials that were separated from the pack here and named separately, and actively engaged and participated in the drafting of this very thorough detailed report, which he stated he has had the pleasure to read. He again thanked Trustee Lewis for everything he has done in this role.

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Trustee Crandall began with a report on this evening's Village Board's work session. She stated that this meeting was in regard to the Conservation Advisory Council's (CAC) report on mitigating the health, environmental and quality of life impacts of gas leaf blowers. She stated that there was quite a bit of discussion, and if anyone in the public would like to view their report, it is on the Village's website at [www.scarsdale.com](http://www.scarsdale.com). This meeting was also recorded and will be available for viewing by visiting the Village's website as well.

Trustee Crandall stated that at the end of the meeting, and also after hearing from the community and reading the many emails, which were sent in, the Village Board agreed that it's time for a public hearing on the three options as set forth in the CAC's report, which she briefly described.

After reading through the options set forth in the report, Trustee Crandall stated that anyone with comments may send them to [mayor@scarsdale.com](mailto:mayor@scarsdale.com), with a copy to [clerk@scarsdale.com](mailto:clerk@scarsdale.com), so that the Board may read all comments. Should anyone prefer to do so, they may contact any one of the individual Board members using their email – their first initial, last name @scarsdale.com. She noted that she prefers having phone conversations and recited her cell phone number as 914-874-3779. She asked that any callers kindly call during the week and not too late in the evening.

Trustee Crandall stated that this is a chance for the Board to possibly make some changes. The Board has received many complaints about the noise pollution, and the air pollution that impacts us. This is a thoughtful measure where that the Board is evaluating and they really need to hear from everyone. She asked that residents talk to their landscapers and their neighbors about this.

Trustee Crandall stated that her next report has to do with the COVID-19 vaccine. She stated that Aging in Place Coordinator Mary Ellen Sanger already has volunteers who are working with the seniors to assist them with the online scheduling of the COVID-19 vaccine appointments. Mary Ellen's phone number is 914-723-3281. Ms. Sanger had asked her to warn those residents that it takes time and patience to work with someone over the phone so that they can follow the prompts to register online. When you call her, you will work with a volunteer; please be patient.

Trustee Crandall ended her report by again thanking the CAC for their hard work on the report concerning leaf blowers and their recommendations.

Mayor Samwick thanked Trustee Crandall and stated that listening to all of the Trustee reports this evening, we have a very clear sense of our community, and we have a very clear sense of the Trustees' commitment to our community. And as he said at the conclusion of his Mayor's remarks about how we draw strength from our extraordinary community and use our own strength to bolster and support one another, the residents have just heard that firsthand. He thanked the Trustees for all of the work they do for the community.

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Trustee Lewis

Upon motion entered by Trustee Lewis, and seconded by Trustee Whitestone, the following resolution regarding Authorization to Execute a Municipal Snow and Ice Supplemental Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation for 2020-2021, was approved by the vote indicated below:

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to New York State Highway Law Section 12, the maintenance of State highways includes control over snow and ice removal authorized by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT); and
- WHEREAS,** snow and ice control on State highways, 15.7 miles of which are located within the Village of Scarsdale, may be performed by the host municipality pursuant to an agreement entered into by the municipality and the NYSDOT; and
- WHEREAS,** in the interest of public safety and plowing expediency, the Village of Scarsdale has historically provided such service on behalf of NYSDOT, which, since 1999, has been accomplished through successive amendments to Municipal Snow and Ice Agreements, the latest of which was extended through June 30, 2019; and
- WHEREAS,** the NYSDOT recently delivered a five-year agreement, effective July 01, 2019, and ending June 30, 2024, allowing for three subsequent 5-year extensions; and
- WHEREAS,** the NYSDOT no longer needs to approve annual one-year extensions, but continues to adjust the annual reimbursement each year of the contract term to account for actual changes in labor, materials, equipment, and fixed costs; and
- WHEREAS,** due to a light 2019/20 winter season, the NYSDOT's supplemental agreement decreases the 2020/21 Snow and Ice Season reimbursement by \$1,334.84 for a new total of \$39,573.23; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Village Manager to execute the 2020/21 Municipal Snow and Ice Supplemental Agreement between the Village of Scarsdale and the New York State Department of Transportation, in substantially the same form as attached hereto, and to undertake all administrative acts necessary pursuant to the amendment.

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Trustee Arest	None	None
Trustee Crandall		
Trustee Lewis		
Trustee Ross		
Trustee Waldman		
Trustee Whitestone		
Mayor Samwick		

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Trustee Ross

Trustee Ross stated that the following resolution is just a resolution to send the measures set forth in same to the Planning Board. These are measures that relate to bulky or oversized housing, or housing in in Scarsdale that appears to be oversized. He stated that on this issue, there's been substantial public interest and public input on the question. There will be continuing opportunities for public input, so although this resolution is basically procedural, there are substantive proposed changes to the code and continued public input is welcome.

Upon motion entered by Trustee Ross, and seconded by Trustee Crandall, the following resolution regarding Referral to the Planning Board of Proposed Amendments to the Scarsdale Village Code: Chapter 77 Entitled “Planning Board”, Chapter 251 Entitled “Site Plan Review”, and Chapter 310 Entitled “Zoning” was approved by the vote indicated below (6-1):

- WHEREAS**, after a series of Village Board of Trustees meetings in 2018 regarding land use issues and, upon review of a staff prepared Municipal Zoning Survey dated October 12, 2018, the Village Board of Trustees requested that the “bulk issue” be further discussed; and
- WHEREAS**, specifically, the Village Board of Trustees asked the Chairs of the Planning Board, Board of Appeals, and Board of Architectural Review, convene as a “Bulk Review Committee” (Committee) along with staff to better define the bulk issue, study existing and other zoning tools for amendments and/or implementation, explore non-zoning alternatives, and define potential next steps including developing a scope of work for a consultant and/or identifying minor code changes which could be adopted without extensive further study to address the bulk issue; and

**WHEREAS,** the Committee met three times on January 28, 2019, March 27, 2019, and May 08, 2019, prior to issuing the Bulk Review Committee Report (Report) dated July 19, 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** the Report includes the following recommendations:

- 1) Reduce the maximum permitted roof height from 35 feet to 32 feet;
- 2) Reduce the FAR side yard setback bonus by 30%;
- 3) Eliminate the requirement that any home addition must be to the rear of the home in order to utilize the side yard FAR bonus;
- 4) Clarify the Village Code to specify that the FAR garage credit applies to the square footage of the floor level of the garage where cars are parked, excluding space on upper floors; and
- 5) Require Planning Board Site Plan approval for single family residential projects involving more than 15,000 square feet of gross floor area, eliminating review through a Special Use Permit from the Board of Appeals; and

**WHEREAS,** the Report was presented to the Village Board of Trustees on October 07, 2019, at which point staff was tasked with analyzing the impacts of the first two recommendations in terms of creating new nonconformities; and

**WHEREAS,** staff completed the non-conformity analysis in March 2020 and the revised Report, including the nonconformity impact analysis, was presenting publically at a work session of the Board of Trustees held on November 10, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** at said work session the Board of Trustees authorized the drafting of a proposed local law implementing the Committee recommendations outlined in the Report; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Village Board of Trustees, pursuant to Village Code Chapter 77-1(A), 77-1(B), and 77-2, hereby refers the proposed amendments to Chapter 77 entitled “Planning Board,” Chapter 251 entitled “Site Plan Review,” and Chapter 310 entitled “Zoning,” attached hereto and made a part hereof, to the Planning Board for review and recommendation, and further waives the sixty-day time period imposed by Chapter 77-2 of the Village Code, for receipt of the Planning Board’s report.

AYES

Trustee Crandall

NAYS

Trustee Arest

ABSENT

None

Trustee Lewis  
 Trustee Ross  
 Trustee Waldman  
 Trustee Whitestone  
 Mayor Samwick

Before voting, Trustee Arest stated that he was optimistic back in 2018 when the Board started this conversation. He thought they were going to look holistically at this and come up with something with vision that looked at the entire toolbox that's available to a Village, and look at best practices. He stated that he is extremely appreciative of the volunteer effort here, and was incredible within the confines of the direction that the volunteers were given. He stated that he thinks the work done here was really great, and will move them in a positive direction; however, he thinks it's a missed opportunity. Therefore, he is looking forward to seeing what the Planning Board's response is to this, which may change his mind a little, but to stay consistent, he will vote 'no'.

Trustee Crandall stated that she shares Trustee Arest's interests in continuing the conversation; however, all of these land use issues are quite complicated. She stated that she feels this is a step in the right direction, and voted 'aye'.

Mayor Samwick stated that he would like to highlight that whether one is in favor of proceeding forward with something along these lines or not, he believes consistency isn't the issue if the Board is seeking the opinion of another body, for future reference.

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Before reading the following resolution, Trustee Ross stated that he is very pleased to note that this gift is part of a continuing practice on the part of Fenway Golf Club in support of our public services. He stated that he would like to recognize not only this gift, but the spirit of the gift and the continuing nature of the support.

Upon motion entered by Trustee Ross, and seconded by Trustee Crandall, the following resolution regarding Acceptance of a Gift from the Fenway Charitable Fund Committee for the Scarsdale Fire Department was approved by a unanimous vote:

**WHEREAS,** in recognition of the Scarsdale Fire Department's provision of essential public safety services to the Scarsdale community, the Fenway Charitable Fund Committee, Old Mamaroneck Road, Scarsdale, NY, has offered to donate \$5,000 to the Department toward the purchase of equipment deemed most important to assist in the safety of Scarsdale's firefighters and the general public; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Policy #106 of the *Village of Scarsdale Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual* entitled, "Gifts to the Village of Scarsdale," acceptance of all gifts valued at \$500 or more must be approved by the Village Board of Trustees; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby accepts the gift of \$5,000 from the Fenway Golf Club toward the purchase of equipment to advance the safety of the Scarsdale Fire Department and general public; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the \$5,000 gift be deposited into the Fire Department Gift Account (#TE 93-09); and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby extends its thanks and appreciation to the members of the Fenway Golf Club for their generosity.

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Trustee Waldman

Upon motion entered by Trustee Waldman, and seconded by Trustee Crandall, the following resolution regarding Acceptance of a Gift from the Fenway Charitable Fund Committee for the Scarsdale Police Department was approved by a unanimous vote :

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the Scarsdale Police Department’s efforts and achievements in promoting public safety, the Fenway Charitable Fund Committee, Old Mamaroneck Road, Scarsdale, NY, has presented a \$5,000 gift to the Village of Scarsdale to be used by the Scarsdale Police Department toward purchase of equipment deemed by the police chief to be most important to assist in the safety of Scarsdale’s police officers and/or the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Policy #106 of the *Village of Scarsdale Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual*, entitled “Gifts to the Village of Scarsdale,” *acceptance* of all gifts valued at \$500 or more must be approved by the Village Board of Trustees; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby accepts the gift of \$5,000 from the Fenway Golf Club for the purchase of equipment to assist in the safety of Scarsdale Police Department members and the general public, as so determined by the Chief of Police; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the \$5,000 gift be deposited into the Police Department Expendable Trust Account (#TE 93-08); and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby extends its thanks and appreciation to the members of the Fenway Golf Club for their generosity.

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Upon motion entered by Trustee Waldman, and seconded by Trustee Crandall, the following resolution regarding Acceptance of a Gift from the Bowman Family Foundation for the Scarsdale Police Department was approved by a unanimous vote :

**WHEREAS,** the Bowman Family Foundation has presented a \$2,000 gift to the Village of Scarsdale Police Department for the purpose of providing funding to support Police Department projects selected by the Police Chief and approved by the Village; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Policy #106 of the *Village of Scarsdale Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual*, entitled “Gifts to the Village of Scarsdale,” acceptance of all gifts valued at \$500 or more must be approved by the Village Board of Trustees, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Village Board of Trustees hereby accepts the gift of \$2,000 from the Bowman Family Foundation for the purpose of providing funding to support Police Department projects selected by the Police Chief and approved by the Village; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that said funds be deposited into the Police Department Expendable Trust Account (#TE 93-08); and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the Village Board of Trustees hereby extends its heartfelt thanks to the Bowman Family Foundation for their generosity.

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Upon motion entered by Trustee Waldman, and seconded by Trustee Whitestone, the following resolution regarding an Appointment to the Board of Appeals was approved by a unanimous vote :

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with Section 12-1 of the Scarsdale Village Code, the Board of Appeals shall consist of five Members and two Alternate Members appointed by the Village Board for five-year terms; and

**WHEREAS,** Steve Pass, appointed as a Member of said Board on April 02, 2018, to fill an unexpired term ending April 05, 2021, resigned from his position on December 10, 2020, creating a vacancy for a full-time Member; and

**WHEREAS,** the Village Board considered current Board of Appeals Alternate Member Meredith Millen to fill said vacancy, finding that Ms. Millen should be appointed as a full Member of the Board of Appeals; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that Meredith Millen, 13 Dickel Road, is herein appointed to fill the unexpired term of Steve Pass as a full Member of the Board of

Appeals, expiring on April 05, 2021, or until such time as a successor is appointed.

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Trustee Whitestone

Upon motion entered by Trustee Whitestone, and seconded by Trustee Crandall, the following resolution regarding the 2021 Village Election was approved by the vote indicated below:

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with Section 15-104, Sub 3 of the New York State Election Law, the annual Village Election for members of the Board of Trustees is held on the third Tuesday in March; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to said New York State statute, the polling place for the annual Village election must be established by resolution of the Village Board at least sixty (60) days prior to the election, or January 15, 2021, for the 2021 election; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** that pursuant to Section 15-104 of the New York State Election Law, the 2021 Village election shall be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, between the hours of 6:00 AM and 9:00 PM; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the polling place for all Election Districts, #'s 1 through 19, be located at Dyckman Hall at the Scarsdale Congregational Church, 1 Heathcote Road, Scarsdale, New York 10583; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that should Dyckman Hall become unavailable, the Scarsdale Village Election will be held in the Scott Room at the Scarsdale Public Library, 54 Olmsted Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583, with immediate notice to the public of the location change; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** that qualified registered voters who reside within Westchester County may be inspectors of election for Village elections held in Scarsdale.

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Trustee Crandall	Trustee Arest	None
Trustee Lewis		
Trustee Ross		
Trustee Waldman		
Trustee Whitestone		
Mayor Samwick		

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Written Communications

Village Clerk Conkling reported that Ten (10) communications have been received since the last regular Board of Trustees meeting. These written communications include responses from the Mayor, and may be viewed on the Village's website at [www.scarsdale.com](http://www.scarsdale.com).

- An email from Robert Berg urging the Board to permit public comment during the Freightway Parking Garage Work Session to be held on December 8, 2020.
- Emails from John Cotter and the Friends of the Scarsdale Parks regarding leaf collection and their support for amendments to the current Gas Leaf Blower legislation.
- Emails from Susan Douglass, Darlene LeFrancois Haber, and Anne Hintermeister expressing their support of amendments to the current Gas Leaf Blower regulations.
- An email from Susan Levine concerning leaf collection and mulching.
- Emails from Paul & Joanna Jimenez and Michael Zucker concerning renaming Crossway Field.
- An email from Joan Weissman explaining her concerns with regard to the BAR application for 4 Kingston Road.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M. by a motion entered by Trustee Crandall, seconded by Trustee Arest, and carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna M. Conkling  
Village Clerk