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Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 21, 2013 and appreciate the opportunity to comment. Without critiquing the entire document, the Village has fundamental disagreements with the position taken in your letter and would welcome the opportunity to discuss our concerns with you. Specifically, we note that the Village is not a party to the litigation and settlement agreement entered into by the County of Westchester and HUD et.al. As such, the Village does not have the legal obligation under the settlement agreement referred to in the "report card." Further, the "unadopted" Affordable Housing Allocation Plan referenced in your letter does not impose any obligation on the Village. Rather, it is a voluntary allocation prepared by the Westchester County Housing Opportunity Commission which ascribed a certain number of affordable units to be built by each municipality on a voluntary basis.

The Village does support the development of fair and affordable housing and, in fact, was one of the first communities to adopt the Model affordable housing zoning ordinance. Despite the built out nature of the Village and the lack of developable property, the Village is working with two developers towards the development of several fair and affordable housing units. As the draft report indicates that the Scarsdale Village Comprehensive Plan is not available, we are enclosing with this letter a copy of the Village Comprehensive Plan dated October 1994, as updated August of 2010. The update of the Plan was prepared by Phillips Preiss Shapiro Associates, Inc. with Stephen Tilly Architect.

Thank you again for the opportunity to respond. The better address for all future correspondence is Scarsdale Village Hall, 1001 Post Road, Scarsdale NY 10583.

Very truly yours,


Robert J. Steves, Mayor

Cc: Scarsdale Village Board of Trustees
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