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**This is a message for residents of the Village of Plandome Heights from Mayor Kenneth C. Riscica.**

On February 1, 2021, we will have a Public Hearing **in order to receive input from residents.**

The Board of Trustees has observed that our Planning Board rarely has matters to address. The last matter was three years ago and before that, there have only been 4 matters in 20 years. The Planning Board reviews "land use" matters. There are no active or new matters at this time.

The fact is we are a mature community with few land-use matters requiring the attention of a Planning Board. Despite this, the Village commits a full complement of 7 volunteers to that Board. Those members are required to attend 4 hours of training each year and may go a whole 5-year term without using that training. Other villages are in this situation and some use the Board of Trustees to manage such matters.

So, our Public Hearing is called to **seek your input into the idea of merging the function of the Planning Board into the Board of Trustees**. Our Architecture and Zoning Boards will not be affected by this change.

The Notice of the Public Hearing will be published in the Manhasset Press next week and is available to you now at [Notice of Public Hearing](#). The draft of the change to our law is also available to you now at [Text of Law](#). You can participate in the Public Hearing in several ways: (a) electronically as indicated in the Notice or (b) you can also send in your comments by email to the Clerk by email and they will be included in the record. Of course, you can always contact me directly.

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