



INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF  
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June 7, 2021

RE: Village Planning Board for the Future

Dear Residents:

Last night the Trustees approved our plan to merge the functions of the Planning Board into the responsibilities of the Board of Trustees. The "headlines" are as follows:

On Process:

- This change has been under consideration for over five years by the Trustees,
- Six months of public debate and discussion, full transparency, has been in process since January 2021,
- A Public Hearing for all residents was held on February 1, 2021,
- In addition to the Public Hearing, residents provided email and other inputs,
- Hundreds of pages of inputs, transcripts and other materials have been posted on our website at [www.plandomeheights-ny/publichearinginformation](http://www.plandomeheights-ny/publichearinginformation) and is available to anyone wanting more information on the pros and cons of the matter,

On the issues:

- The Planning Board mission is land use, with a primarily focus on subdivisions,
- As a mature community, we have had 1 subdivision application in 25 years,
- We are advised that there are only two possible subdivisions in our future,
- A separate Planning Board consumes seven volunteers who need specialized knowledge, training and experience (which we cannot provide),
- The Public Hearing process will continue unchanged for resident input on land use.
- Our separate Zoning and Architecture Boards will not be affected,
- 1/3 of the mature Villages in our Town operate without a Planning Board including Munsey Park and Flower Hill in Manhasset,
- The Board of Trustees will be guided by the Village Attorney in all land use matters.

The bottom line is that the Planning Board has no work to do and takes 7 volunteers with specialized knowledge and training to staff. The Trustees, Building Inspector, all current members of the Planning Board agree that this is the right positioning for the Planning Board function for the future.

For those who disagree, the good news is that this Board or any future Board can reinstate, and staff, the Planning Board if it chooses.

Sincerely,  
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PLANDOME HEIGHTS

Kenneth C. Riscica  
Mayor