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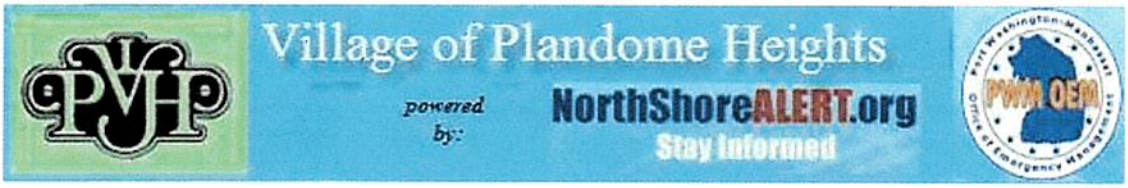

This is a message for the residents of the Village of Plandome Heights from Mayor Kenneth C. Riscica

This week the Village received a petition from residents calling for a referendum vote on the resolutions of the Board of Trustees to use capital reserve funds to pay: (a) certain "soft costs" and (b) costs of our digital records program. There is no actionable proposal to purchase a Village Hall so that was not requested by residents to be on the ballot and, accordingly, it is not on the ballot.

The Trustees and I see a disconnect between the rhetoric and the actual facts. This is troubling. My enclosed Petition Report explains that disconnect as well as the facts about the vote we will be holding.

I choose to reiterate a few things from Tuesday's Annual Meeting Report as follows:

- There is no actionable Village Hall transaction at this time,
- We are discussing the possibility of extending our lease if we need to,
- Our preference is to locate Village Hall outside of the Village, if possible,
- The law provides "postitve pressure" for Village Officials and residents to work collaboratively; let's do that.
- Our volunteers, staff, and building inspector work in inadequate conditions. What would you do without them?

This is a time for engagement and cooperation. We are absolutely committed to that.

We are in the process of verifying the petition, including removing: (a) duplicate signatures and (b) residents who are not registered to vote. We will report more when that is done.

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