

March 8, 1944

This is in answer to your letter of February 9, 1944, which, as suggested in our letter of acknowledgement February 14, 1944, was referred to the Board of Trustees at its meeting last evening, March 7, 1944. The purchase of the parcel was by resolution of the Board of Trustees, and this action was taken on advice of counsel that it is legal. No appropriation has been made for landscaping and leveling the parcel or for the construction of a Village Hall. The matter of landscaping, costs, etc. has been referred to the Village Planning Board. It will meet from time to time to determine what can be done to beautify the parcel in keeping with the Village and then make its recommendations. The estimated cost will be presented to the Budget Committee for its consideration in preparation of the annual budget, on which a public hearing will be held at a date to be announced later.

Please be assured that your Village officers, who have a thankless job at best, are conscientiously trying to serve the best interests of the Village as a whole; and that they have no intention whatever of establishing a public nuisance. It has been their hope that this parcel,--which was for a long time on sale, on which back taxes were due, and which was easily the best purchase they could make,-- would at some suitable time serve as a place for a village building and also provide parking facilities for a few cars in the rear. It has been the belief of the officers that the parcel could be landscaped so attractively that the next-door neighbors would be pleased with the result. Something far less pleasing could have been done with the parcel in other hands. The officers sincerely hope they may have your whole-hearted cooperation not only for the sake of all the residents, but also those who live ndxt door.

Very truly yours,

INC. VILLAGE of PLANDOME MANOR

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