

On a motion made by Trustee Epstein and seconded by Trustee Klein the following resolution was adopted.

**RESOLUTION**

**OPPOSING THE ASSEMBLY REDISTRICTING PLAN PROPOSED BY THE INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION THAT WOULD RESULT IN RYE BROOK CHANGING NYS ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS**

**WHEREAS**, a NYS Independent Redistricting Commission (the “Commission”) was created to provide recommendations for re-drawing NYS district boundaries after the 2020 Census; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has proposed to remove the Village of Rye Brook from the current Sound Shore Assembly District (91st Assembly District) and splitting the Village from the Town of Rye; and

**WHEREAS**, this action would cause disastrous effects on the regional common goals shared among the municipalities currently located within the Sound Shore District including the Villages of Rye Brook, Port Chester, Mamaroneck, and Larchmont, and the Towns of Rye and Mamaroneck, and part of the City of New Rochelle; and

**WHEREAS**, the removal of the Village of Rye Brook from the Sound Shore District would separate Rye Brook from its partner Village of Port Chester, which is also located within the Town of Rye; and

**WHEREAS**, the removal of the Village of Rye Brook from the Sound Shore District would separate both Port Chester and Rye Brook residents who are served by the Town of Rye including its municipal court, whose judges would then represent residents in two different Assembly districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the removal of the Village of Rye Brook from the Sound Shore District would also separate Rye Brook residents from the Town of Rye Assessment and Tax Collection services who would serve town residents in two different Assembly districts; and

**WHEREAS**, since the Port Chester High School and the Port Chester Middle School are both physically located within the Village of Rye Brook, and 1/3 of the properties in Rye Brook are located in the Port Chester School District, the removal of the Village of Rye Brook from the Sound Shore District would result in homeowners in the same school district being represented by two different Assembly districts thereby weakening their state representation on issues of shared concern; and

**WHEREAS**, since the Village of Rye Brook has primarily collaborated and shared services with the other Sound Shore municipalities, including shared EMS, fire service, library services, capital improvements, and shared equipment, these commonalities of interests, which often involve support from state representatives, would be divided if Rye Brook was removed from the Sound Shore District; and

**WHEREAS**, since Rye Brook is within the Long Island watershed, and all stormwater in the municipality flows into the Long Island Sound, the Village of Rye Brook has the common interest of regional planning with other municipalities in the current Sound Shore District for items such as stormwater and flooding concerns, so separating Rye Brook from the other Long Island Watershed municipalities is counter to the goal of effective regional planning, which often includes state grants and legislative representation; and

**WHEREAS**, since all of the Rye Brook sanitary sewers flow into either the Port Chester sanitary sewer treatment plant in the Port Chester Sewer District, or the Blind Brook sanitary sewer treatment plant (in Rye City) in the Blind Brook Sewer District, separating Rye Brook from the municipalities in these two sewer districts is counter to the goal of effective regional planning, since these issues often includes state grants and legislative representation, and

**WHEREAS**, Rye Brook is served by a private water company (Suez) that also serves the municipalities in the current Sound Shore District, and often involves the need for state representation on issues involving the NYS Public Service Commission, establishing water rates, and other issues such as water company mergers, acquisitions, and other environmental and inter-state impacts, so separating Rye Brook from the other municipalities served by the same private water company would be counter-productive to efficiently and effectively address these concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed new assembly district would place Rye Brook with other municipalities as far north as Mt. Kisco and Bedford, which have very little shared common interests in the important areas identified in this resolution, and would result in weaker state representation for those areas which are very important to the residents and municipal officials in Village of Rye Brook.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Rye Brook Board of Trustees hereby strongly and emphatically opposes any removal of the Village of Rye Brook from the other municipalities currently located within the Sound Shore District since we have many common interests with those municipalities which often result in the need for uniform and clear state representation; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that for the reasons stated in this resolution that the Village of Rye Brook Board of Trustees hereby strongly and emphatically opposes the splitting of Rye Brook from the Town of Rye in the redistricting of State Senate and Congressional Districts; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if Rye Brook is removed from the Sound Shore District, our state representation, as well as the state representation of the residents in the newly divided Town of Rye, would be significantly marginalized regarding our areas of common interest; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village of Rye Brook Board of Trustees urges the NYS Independent Redistricting Commission to reconsider their proposal to remove the Village of Rye Brook from the current Sound Shore District based upon the additional information provided in this resolution; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this duly adopted resolution of the Village of Rye Brook be forwarded to the NYS Independent Redistricting Commission, NYS Assemblyman Steve Otis, NYS Senator Shelley Mayer, Congressman Mondaire Jones and the Town of Rye Town Council.

<b>TRUSTEE EPSTEIN</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRUSTEE FISCHER</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>TRUSTEE HEISER</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>TRUSTEE KLEIN</b>	<b>AYE</b>
<b>MAYOR ROSENBERG</b>	<b>AYE</b>

State of New York }  
County of Westchester } ss:  
Village of Rye Brook }

I hereby certify that this is the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rye Brook which was duly passed by said Board on November 2, 2021

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Village of Rye Brook, this 3rd day of November, 2021

  
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Village Clerk