

Editorial

After 100 Days, Yorktown Sees Success, Room for Growth

Supervisor Michael Grace recently marked his first 100 days in office, a tenure that has so far been dotted with accomplishments that should turn Yorktown politicians of decades past green with envy.

He's made an admirable effort to finally put to rest some of Yorktown's longstanding discussions and debates, such as what exactly should be done with the stretch of Route 202 that runs between Lexington Avenue and the Bear Mountain Parkway.

Here at The Northern Westchester Examiner, we like that many of the

discussions are conducted out in the open, like through the forum discussions Grace organized that brought together stakeholders on the 202 project and, more recently, on a potential conflict that could have arisen between Yorktown schools, private athletic clubs and parks.

That being said, there's always room for growth.

We urge Grace and his town board to hold themselves to a higher standard at Yorktown Town Hall, taking care to place an extra emphasis on decorum. Several recent meetings have, at points, devolved into shouting matches that

don't befit elected officials. It's hard for the public to follow, and it can be embarrassing.

We're also worried by the prevalence of executive session to discuss matters which are not always immediately recognizable as requiring that privacy. We urge Grace and the board to either cut back on its number of executive session or come to the public with greater honesty about why they are required.

It's been a commendable 100 days, Supervisor Grace. Here's hoping you continue to make Yorktown even better.