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On Friday February 12th I was assigned a follow up article to the article I wrote the previous week on the town of Mt Kisco plans to use 2 grants for a sidewalk across Preston Way and a Senior Bus. Both grants totaled 230,000 dollars. However, what I learned this past week is that in the world of journalism even the easiest most positive stories may have some objections. A member of the Mt Kisco Tenants Association believes that the towns plan to build the sidewalk along Preston way causes a threat to the residents of the Tenants safety and security.

This past week I was able to really work on my first hard news story regarding a story objection of the projects of the Mt Kisco Board of Trustees. I realized that not every story I print will be a soft news story, similar to the stories I write for the Pace Chronicle. When news of this objection got to me I took active responsibility in contacting the President of the Mount Kisco Tenants Association and hearing them out.  I understood that this story was a story that needed to take time to get all of the information correct. I interviewed the Mayor of Mount Kisco on his thoughts about the objections to the project and I plan on interviewing the Village Manager of Mount Kisco as well.

I am thankful to my supervisor Examiner Editor in Chief Martin Wilbur. He was understanding in the fact that I could not necessarily send an article in to him this week because he knew that this was a story that takes time to gather information. I am always in constant contact with him asking him for advice on what direction to go in and keeping him updated. Working for such a small newspaper offers me the support I need when going out and perusing hard news stories. Through this whole situation I am thankful to him he is a great guy and I wouldn’t be able to do well in this position without him. This coming week I plan on sending in and printing this article on the objections to the Mount Kisco Sidewalk project. I can only hope I have done right by taking my time in gathering correct information as a journalist and printing an accurate article that represents both sides of the issue.