

MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2021 MEETING OF HAWORTH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

This was a virtual meeting that was attended by Andrew Anderson, Bruce Steinthal, Polly Zurlini, Mary Beth Topor, Mary Beth Postman, Louise Reich, Nick Schneider, Heather Wasser, Council Liaison and Mayor Tom Ference.

The meeting commenced at 7:10 pm.

The Mayor swore Commission members in for the 2021 term.

- A. Mayor has advised that minutes of our meetings should be submitted promptly and formally circulated to other municipal bodies and to the Haworth building/construction official as well as posted on the Haworth website.
- B. Proposed Tree Ordinance was reviewed by the Planning Board and Real Estate Committee. Those bodies concluded that the ordinance was not needed. The Mayor suggested that the Environmental Commission could develop guidelines for tree removal which could be referenced by the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Construction Official. Cynthia (Soroka) indicated that she believes that our current ordinance is not in a correct format and that the Planning Board, Environmental Commission and the Real Estate Committee have to work together on a new ordinance.
- C. Bruce Steinthal has been elected new chair of Environmental Commission.

The regular meeting commenced.

- 1. Bruce Steinthal will follow up with Christine at Haworth dry cleaners regarding the possibility of finding an alternative to plastic bags for wrapping cleaned clothing.
- 2. Ms. Wasser reports that there is support for the installation of one charging station for use by electric vehicles in our municipal parking lot. Mr. Anderson will contact the Borough Engineer, Chris Statile, for guidance.
- 3. Ms. Wasser reports on status of consideration of solar panels for buildings in Haworth. There is a proposal to put solar panels at DPW farm. This would be inexpensive and it is projected that Haworth would be net zero by 2030. Solar arrays could also be installed in other locations. Leaves that are currently stored at DPW would be moved off site, possibly to a designated area near the swim club.

Minutes submitted by Louise Reich