

Regular Meeting of the Haworth Environmental Commission
November 25, 2020 Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Present: Cynthia Soroka-Dunn, Chair
Andrew Anderson
Mary Beth Postman
Louise Reich
Mary Beth Topor
Heather Wasser, Council Liaison

Absent: Bruce Steinthal
Polly Zurlini

Approval of Minutes from October Meeting

Minutes were approved.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Ms. Reich reported on her ongoing research of the topic. She had distributed via e-mail information about New Jersey's "It Pays to Plug In" program, which provides grants for the construction of charging stations. She pointed out that there are local companies that provide consulting services relative to construction, operation, and maintenance. She stated that the location of a station is important in regard to access to and cost of electric service.

Mr. Anderson will do further research on the charging station operated by the Borough of Demarest.

Green Electric

Ms. Soroka-Dunn reported on her research on renewable electric sources available to residential customers through Rockland Electric and PSE&G. Both utilities do have some renewable sources. She will look into this further.

Application for Subdivision at 197 Schraalenburgh Road

Mr. Anderson explained that there is an application before the Planning Board to subdivide a lot that extends from Schraalenburgh Road to Pine Street. There is an existing home fronting Schraalenburgh Road. If granted, the subdivision would result in two lots: one fronting Schraalenburgh and one fronting Pine Street. The applicant appeared before the Board in October and November and will return for the December meeting. The applicant is seeking five variances.

Proposed Tree Ordinance

Ms. Soroka-Dunn explained that there were multiple versions of proposed ordinances and that the wrong one was mistakenly provided to the Governing Body for their review and distribution. The correct version was distributed before this meeting.

Minutes submitted by A.R. Anderson