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From: Brian Chewcaskie <brian@gmcnjlaw.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 2:02 PM
To: William Laforet
Subject: FW: Chestnut Ridge Eruv Association
Attachments: doc00578220170720124549.pdf

From: Carol Garry
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 12:46 PM
To: William Laforet <WLaforet@mahwahtwp.org>; qwiest@mahwahtwp.org; dmairrella@mahwahtwp.org
Cc: Brian Chewcaskie <brian@gmcnjlaw.com>
Subject: Chestnut Ridge Eruv Association

Attached is draft correspondence from Brian Chewcaskie for your review

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From: michael rocco [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 4:12 PM
To: William Laforet
Subject: Fwd: Eruv

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Mayor Laforet,

Thank you for your response. I would like to express how angry and upset your constituents are about this being put in our town. I have lived in Mahwah all my life I love this town to death and never ever want to see it changed by anyone. I am begging and pleading for you to do everything in your power to have this ERUV removed and the sooner the better. This is the last thing our great town needs or wants. Mahwah is too good a town. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE do everything you can to get rid of this PLEASE!!!! Talk to public officials talk to O&R talk to Trenton talk to Washington lets hire an attorney - THIS ERUV HAS TO GO.

Kind Regards,

Michael Rocco

Begin forwarded message:

From: William Laforet <WLaforet@mahwahtwp.org>
Subject: Re: Eruv
Date: July 18, 2017 at 9:35:26 PM EDT
To: Michael Rocco [REDACTED]

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Mayor Laforet,

I am curious about the recent Eruv that has been installed on utility poles in the area of East Mahwah Rd and surrounding areas. Did the township and utility companies grant permission to do this? If so are the people who requested permission even township residents? I would like to think we are not allowing eyesores in our town to benefit people who don't even live here. I look forward to your response.

Kind Regards,

Michael Rocco
Resident
7 Winter Ter
Mahwah

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William Laforet

From: Sylvia Rocco [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 4:23 PM
To: William Laforet
Subject: Eruv question

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Sylvia Rocco
6 May Court

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To: 'Sylvia Rocco'
Subject: RE: Eruv question

Can you call me at [REDACTED] Thanks Bill

Cell [REDACTED]
Mayor Bill Laforet.

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Subject: Re: March 2017 - ERUV permit - Mahwah
Attachments: image1.PNG



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If you follow Social Media, concerns from residents have spread from Upper Saddle River to Mahwah regarding the ERUV. Attached is the list provided by O&R of every pole where the plastic pipes have been secured. There are some links that better help you understand some of the issues.

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Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 5:06 PM
To: Brian Chewcaskie <brian@gmcniilaw.com>; Robert Hermansen
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Cc: Quentln Wiest <QWiest@mahwahtwp.org>
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From: Damiani, Michelle [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 2:41 PM
To: [REDACTED] William Laforet <WLaforet@mahwahtwp.org>
Cc: Chief James N. Batelli <JBatelli@mahwahpd.org>
Subject: March 2017 - ERUV permit - Mahwah

Mayor,

Attached you will find a list of poles that have been permitted by RECO for ERUV to be installed through the Joint Use agreement process. Kenny Sullivan is O&R's Joint Use Facilitator and he can be reached at [REDACTED] for further questions.

Regards, Michelle

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William Laforet

From: Steven Ruit [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 6:50 PM
To: William Laforet
Subject: ERUV

Mayor Laforet,

I am most concerned with the recent turn of events concerning the installation of an eruv in Mahwah. This is being done for the benefit of people who aren't even township residents which is most concerning. We as the residents are respectfully requesting immediate and swift action to remove this from our town. In addition, I would like to thank you for all the great work you do for our town and keeping our taxes low.

Most Sincerely
Steven Ruit
Resident
24 Karen Dr.

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Email Address

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line and a large loop.

William Laforet

From: William Laforet
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 7:26 AM
To: Kelsey Polster
Subject: RE: ERUV

Kelsey, I also am a lifelong resident of Mahwah, and live just down the road from you. The very reason I was elected is to serve our community. I take it very seriously. I completely share your concerns, and no, your e mail is not to long. As you see Social Media travels at the speed of light, investigating all options we can use to stop the ERUV is a slower process.

My goal is to find the correct solution that works, and does not expose our community to a Federal Lawsuit. I can't stop the hysterical comments on Facebook, but I can do my job.

I assure that my attorneys and experts are the very best qualified.


More to come

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Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 9:19 PM
To: William Laforet <WLaforet@mahwahtwp.org>
Subject: ERUV

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Good evening Mayor Laforet,



I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out to you about an issue that is extremely heartbreaking to me as a lifelong Mahwah resident. I am apologizing in advance for the very lengthy email, however, this is a topic that is very near and dear to me. Recently, through social media I became aware of the installation ERUV on the township utility poles. As someone who grew up in Mahwah and recently just purchased my first home in Mahwah; it is exceedingly disheartening that something like this was done without anyone's knowledge. From

my understanding, please correct me if I am wrong, the 1/2 inch PVC piping "symbolically extends the private domain of Jewish households into public areas, permitting activities within it that are normally forbidden in public on the Sabbath". To me, this sounds like the end to the Mahwah that I grew up in and loved and the beginning of Mahwah turning into Rockland County and all of the corruption.

After driving around some of Mahwah near me I noticed many poles with ERUV on them, and could not help but think, "How did no one see this?". Was this something that was completed by O&R or by a private company? I was always under the belief that when workers were working on the poles that police were needed for directing traffic to ensure the safety of the workers. Were police present when these were installed on the poles? And if so, who paid the police officers? If police were present, someone had to have known about these going up and the MAJOR change that these will be bringing to Mahwah. If the police were not present did no employee of Mahwah see work being done on the poles? I know for certain, how many amazing police and DPW workers we have in our great town. They are always all over town keeping us safe, protected and tidy, it is astonishing to me that NOT ONE person saw anything or made it public information.

Last night I logged on to social media to see an uproar about ERUV on the utility poles. After doing some research of my own and talking to numerous neighbors, friends and family; I was astonished to find out how many people (without social media) had no clue about this issue that effects EVERYONE. Since you have been mayor, you have been extremely transparent with issues going on in town with NEXTEL alerts and news coverage; how did something like this not make any news? When clearly by last night it was publically known that our town is being taken over. Are we that scared of putting up a fight for our great town that we are willing to sit quiet and let someone take it over without even attempting a fight? Will there be any news coverage on this issue? Or are we going to sit back and become the next Rockland County, and not do anything until it is too late?

When purchasing my first home, a lot of things went into this decision. I ultimately decided to stay in Mahwah because of the beauty, low taxes and AMAZING schools. I would hate to see all of this be ruined from one group coming in and pushing the lifelong residents out by offering them cash for their house and driving them out of the neighborhoods.

I always was under the assumption that utility poles were for the utility companies to use to serve the people with electricity and phone service. When having a garage sale, signs are not permitted on utility poles, rightfully so. How is it legal to have religious symbols on utility poles that only cater to a small percentage of people? Where is the separation of religion and state here?

Thank you for taking time out of your day to read this email. I am looking forward to your response and any information that you can share on this topic.

Thank you,

Kelsey Polster

Resident

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Mike:

The attached was drafted by Brian. Please review and advise if you concur. We would like to have this sent out today. Need to discuss whether it should come from you or Tom Mulvey.

It appears that the Chestnut Ridge Eruv Assn is not the correct entity however. I have received the below entities from Chief Batelli.

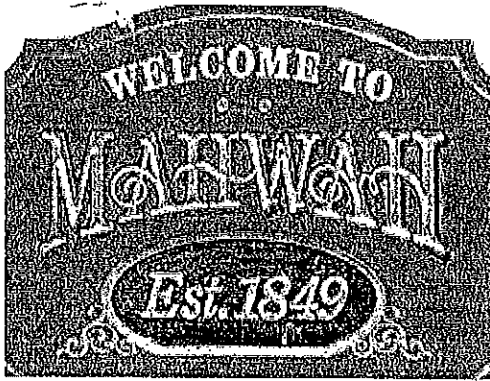
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Mr. Steinmetz appears to be the contact person for both the Fund and Corporation. I don't know the corporate structure but it appears to operate under different names. We try and obtain as much information as possible when interacting with companies.

Chaim Steinmetz

Contact phone numbers [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

James N. Batelli

Chief of Police

Mahwah Police Department

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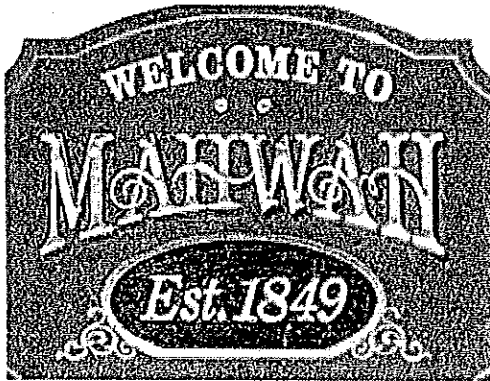
Thank you.

Please be advised that, after review, it appears that the installation of an eruv violates the Zoning Ordinance with regard to the placement of signs on "trees, rocks, or utility poles". It appears that the eruv falls within our definition of signs.

We may be issuing something later today to these entities or individuals.

Can you advise whether the installation is complete or still ongoing?

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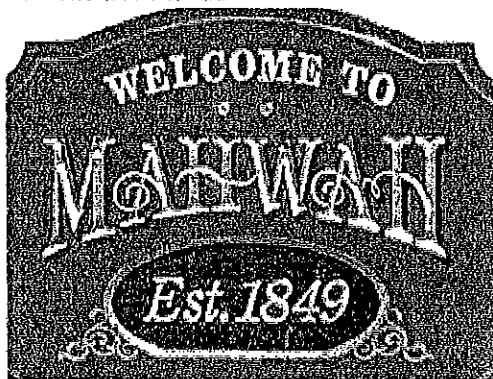
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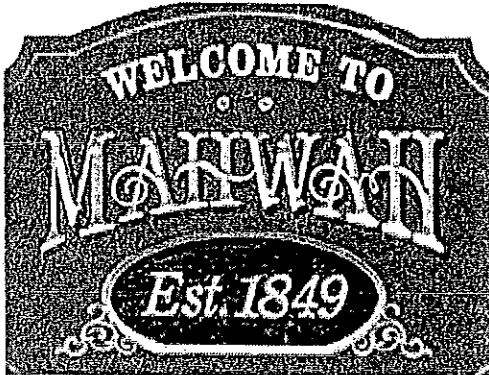
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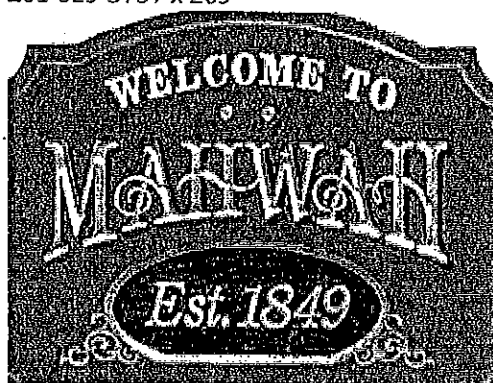
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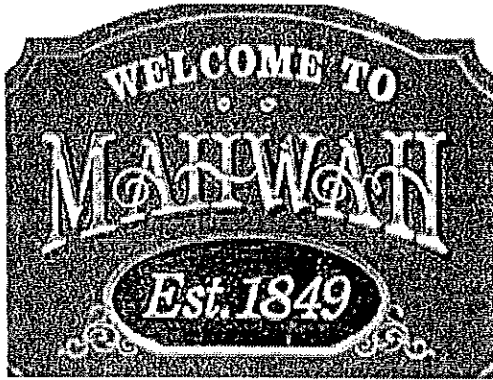
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Subject: FW: ERUV permit - Mahwah
Attachments: 84b71852-6958-4f16-85fd-0bcd1b939e5a-131389117428639101.xlsx

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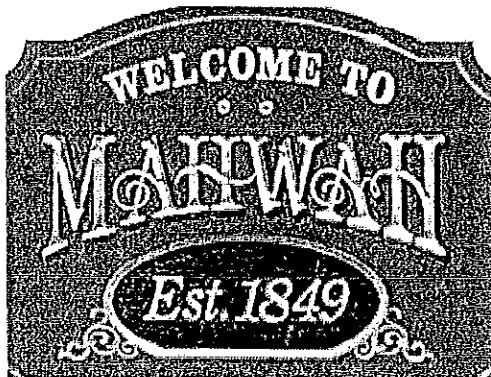
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Subject: Fwd: Chestnut Ridge Eruv Association
Attachments: Chestnut Ridge Eruv Association.doc; ATT00001.htm

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To: "mkelly@mahwahtwp.org" <mkelly@mahwahtwp.org>
Cc: Brian Chewcaskie <brian@gmcnjlaw.com>
Subject: Chestnut Ridge Eruv Association

Attached is copy of letter which has been converted to Word

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July 20, 2017

Re: Chestnut Ridge Eruv Association

Dear

It has come to my attention that the Chestnut Ridge Eruv Association has installed an eruv along utility poles in the Township of Mahwah. In reviewing the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Mahwah, same is impermissible as the installation of an eruv would constitute a sign on a utility pole.

I direct your attention to the following section of the Township of Mahwah Zoning Ordinance, which defines a sign as follows: "Sign shall mean any device for visual communication that is used for the purpose of bringing the subject thereof to the attention of the public". (Section 24-2.2). Further, the Township Zoning Ordinance specifically prohibits the following signs within all zones in the Township: "Signs placed on trees, rocks or utility poles". (Section 24-6.8F3).

In reviewing the ordinance, the installation of an eruv constitutes a prohibited activity and is therefore violative of the ordinance sections mentioned herein. Please take the appropriate steps to remove the eruv that has been presently installed and cease further installation of same.

If you have any questions concerning the applicability of the ordinance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

William Laforet

From: Kathryn Vallis [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 10:55 AM
To: William Laforet
Cc: Robert Hermansen; Jonathan Wong; Janet Ariemma; George Ervin; David May; Steve Sbarra; James Wysocki
Subject: Resident Concern

Dear Mayor Laforet and members of the Township Council,

As a home owner in Mahwah, I am extremely concerned for the future of our town.

I grew up in Mahwah (class of 2006) and couldn't wait to move back to my hometown and purchase a home after I got married, and look forward to raising my children here. However, I am now overly scared and concerned based on what has been happening this week with the Eruv.

As I realize there are many many concerns from our residents, the two main issues are as follows:

If their community starts moving into and living in Mahwah, the value of all of our homes will immediately decrease tremendously and our school councils will be taken over, which in turn will result in the schools becoming run-down, funds diminished, and no one will want to move here because our Blue Ribbon reputation will be no more.. we will become another statistic of a town who was taken over, and can't get out.

How can we allow something like that to happen, not only in Mahwah but other prestigious towns in Bergen County (USR, Montvale, Waldwick, etc.)?

Bergen County is known across the country as one of the most desired places to live - this won't only negatively affect our county, but New Jersey as a state.

I put my faith in you all that you will fight to protect our town to the best of your ability, and I hope to be able to help in any way I can.

Please keep us updated.

Thank you,

Kathryn (Schaub) Vallis

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[REDACTED]
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and Telephone #

[Handwritten signature]

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Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 10:55 PM
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Subject: Mahwah

Mayor,

Can you explain how you posted on the town website that the Eruv was approved by orange and rockland without town approval yet o and r says our police chief approved it personally?

Matt Neyland

Sent from my iPhone

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Email Address

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

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Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 11:19 AM
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Subject: Eruv

 Paula Santomaro, Upper Saddle River

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Jul 21 in General to 15 neighborhoods

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Address


William Laforet

From: Linda Severs <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 11:28 AM
To: William Laforet
Subject: FW:

Hello Bill,

Please see the email I just received from a friend. Is there anything we can do to help preserve our township's future finances, etc? It is concerning to think about the problems Ramapo is having.

Thanks for your concern.

Best,

Linda

Linda Severs
223 Highland Road
Mahwah, NJ 07430
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Email Address
& Telephone #'s



Jewish Enclosure Sparks Controversy

MAHWAH, N.J. – The installation of a ritual enclosure called an eruv in Mahwah has sparked an online petition with about 270 signers who are worried about "illegal incursions" in the community.

The eruv's perimeter is being marked by half-inch thick PVC piping on some utility poles in Mahwah and Upper Saddle River. Eruvs permit observant Jews, such as ultra-Orthodox Jews, to carry items on Shabbat, a day where all activities associated with work are prohibited for some.

The piping has been installed on utility poles on Saddle River Road, East Mahwah Road, Airmont Avenue, Masonicus Road and Sparrowbush Road.

"I live in this town and don't want to see it be destroyed like areas in Rockland. Also the school district needs to be protected," wrote one signer of the "Protect the Quality of Our Community in Mahwah" petition.

Some towns in Rockland County have had issues with eroding school systems and tax bases.

The petition states: "Rockland Electric, without notification to Mahwah residents, permitted the use of public utility poles in our Township for the attachment of a religious article/symbol called an eruv used by the Hasidic sect. We must demand the removal of these eruvs in order to prevent further illegal incursions into our community."

A Facebook group entitled "Mahwah Strong" was also created this week for residents to "voice their concerns over the installation of an Eruv and the impact it could have on our community," according to its description.

The group had more than 1,700 members by Thursday evening and is "getting the knowledge out to the community to make sure everyone knows what's going on," Brett Coplin, one of the group's administrators, told Daily Voice.

"This is not a religious thing ... This isn't an attack on Hasidics. This isn't an attack on ultra-Orthodox. This is protecting

our town from a group of people that have historically come into towns and taken over," he said. "This is not anything new. A lot of us believe ... that constructing this eruv coming through our town is the first step for that."

Mahwah Mayor Bill Laforet said the township was not notified that the pipes were being installed, and the state Board of Public Utilities (BPU) granted permission for the pipes to be put on Orange and Rockland utility poles. He also said that because of federal lawsuits, the BPU and the utility company are obligated to allow the eruv markings.

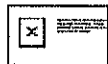
"The administration believes that there are ways to prevent this from happening, and we are exploring every option to address this issue," Laforet said.

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
William Laforet

From: Nextdoor Airmont [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 11:36 AM
To: William Laforet
Subject: 6 new messages from your neighbors today

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1 reply

Replies

Re: Shoe Cleaning/Polishing

1 new reply:



Dianne Ostroske , Suffern

I agree with Helena - Rocco's is the place to go

Re: Tai Chi classes

1 new reply:



Astrid Baruth , Near Pascack

There used to be one at Westwood House, you could call and see if they still do it. They would move to Wood Dale Park in a Woodcliff Lake... Read more

Re: CHINESE FOOD?

4 new replies including:



Harriet Dank , Ramapo Ridge
Golden Dynasty In Hillsdale and Franklin Lakes are
excellent along with Imperial Dynasty In Mahwah.



3 replies

Classifieds and Free Items

Skin care
Holly Baxa, Suffern

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William Laforet

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 1:07 PM
To: William Laforet
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: timely perspective on the eruv controversy

Hi Mayor,

I wanted to bring to your attention an important point that may have been missed in the social-media-induced mass hysteria.

I believe that the public outcry on Facebook and in the media have done a terrible disservice to Mahwah. The Township is on the verge of being irrevocably tarnished by this public controversy that will be taken into account by prospective home buyers who will think twice about moving to a town embroiled in what seems to be a struggle for its life with signs, facebook pages, media coverage, public meetings etc.. To an outsider, a mere 48 hours of media hysterics, now makes Mahwah appear equivalent to communities like Monroe, Pomona etc. where no one will move to because of the perceived 'takeover' of the towns. This has happened for one reason: people who thought and still think they are doing a service to the town have whipped the masses into a frenzy creating a mob-like mentality which follows whoever screams louder. To top that, how many residents have quietly begun thinking of an early exit strategy so that they can get out while the going is good? Who wants to be part of declining community entering decades of what is falsely perceived as a battle for self-preservation? The fact is that while there has not been a single reported home purchase by someone from the Hasidic community to warrant any impression of 'takeover', the publicity is quickly reaching critical mass and I fear that there may be no turning back if wiser and calmer voices do not prevail. I care deeply about Mahwah and strongly urge you to do your utmost to I get this message out. It's critical for the community to hear ASAP before there is no turning back.

To the issue itself, smart ordinances to prevent abuse of public spaces etc. can be implemented quietly. But it is important to know that there is no concerted effort to extend any religious enclave into Mahwah, the very notion of an 'organized' single religious community in Rockland is a fantasy. The Eruv is not administered by any non-existent 'central Hasidic authority' but is an independent organization which is responsive to homeowners who request it. The extension into Mahwah was done merely to include both sides of the streets on the border of Airmont by way of the closest major arteries. And regardless, houses are sold every day and no one can ultimately be prevented from moving into a neighborhood.

To conclude, if there is a way I can be helpful please let me know.


I wish you lots of luck!

Rabbi Chanoch Kaplan

Chabad Jewish Center of NW Bergen County
375 Pulis Avenue
Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417
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William Laforet

From: mkelly@boswellengineering.com
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 1:18 PM
To: William Laforet; Quentin Wiest; Brian Chewcaskie
Subject: Draft Letters Regarding Eruv
Attachments: 20170721_131629.pdf

Please see attached letters. I had 2 prepared since they are going to different entities. If you think 1 should be sent I can modify.

Please let me know ASAP and I will have the finalized and sent out.

Mike K.

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
VIA REGULAR MAIL

draft

July 21, 2017

South Monsey Eruv Fund
31 Morris Road
Spring Valley, NY 10977

Re: Installation of Signs on Utility Poles
Zoning Violations
East Mahwah Road, Airmont Avenue,
Masonic Road and Sparrowbush Road
Township of Mahwah
Our File No. MA-75-28

To, Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that the South Monsey Eruv Fund has installed an eruv along utility poles in the Township of Mahwah. In reviewing the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Mahwah, same is impermissible as the installation of an eruv would constitute a sign on a utility pole.

I direct your attention to the following section of the Township of Mahwah Zoning Ordinance, which defines a sign as follows: "Sign shall mean any device for visual communication that is used for the purpose of bringing the subject thereof to the attention of the public". (Section 24-2.2). Further, the Township Zoning Ordinance specifically prohibits the following signs within all zones in the Township: "Signs placed on trees, rocks or utility poles". (Section 24-6.8F(3)(c)).

In reviewing the ordinance, the installation of an eruv constitutes a prohibited activity and is therefore violative of the ordinance sections mentioned herein. You must take the appropriate steps to remove the eruv that has been presently installed and cease further installation of same.

You must commence the removal of the eruv no later than July 28, 2017 and must have the removal of all eruv no later than August 4, 2017. Should these deadlines not be met, we will recommend that summonses be issued for the violations that have occurred. In addition, you must provide me with notification of the commencement of removal.

South Monsey Eruv Fund
July 21, 2017
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If you have any questions concerning the applicability of the ordinance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

BOSWELL McCLAVE ENGINEERING

Michael J. Kelly, P.E.
Administrative Officer
Department of Land Use and
Property Maintenance

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cc: The Honorable Mayor and Council
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Kenny Sullivan, Rockland Electric Company
Michelle Damiani, Rockland Electric Company
Chaim Steinmetz

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
VIA REGULAR MAIL

July 21, 2017

Vaad Heiruv Inc.
51 Ashel Lane or 56 Crest Court
P.O. Box 118
Monsey, NY 10952

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William Laforet

From: Chief James N. Batelli
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 1:55 PM
To: Quentin Wiest; William Laforet; Brian Chewcaskie
Subject: ERUV Installation in the Township
Attachments: 20170721_102240.pdf

While there seems to be much discussion on the ERUV's there are certain issues and timelines that I want to provide:

* The Township was made aware of the installation of ERUV's on Rockland Electric poles via e-mail on May 10th 2017. Rockland Electric provided a list of poles in the Township that would have the ERUV's placed on them including the pole number and location.

* Rockland Electric stated the ERUV's would be installed through a Joint Use agreement process and provided us with the name of the Orange and Rockland Joint Use Facilitator. Nothing was brought to the attention of the Police Department that the Township objected to the installation of the ERUV's after the e-mail was received.

* We were contacted by a vendor who requested an officer for traffic control for the installation of ERUV's in the Township. All the required protocols were followed in order to receive approval for the vendor. This included approval by the McCarthy Forde for appropriate insurance, and a signed contract. We subsequently worked for the approved vendor at the rate set by Ordinance and the Township was reimbursed for officer services.

* On May 3rd, 2017 an Officer stopped a suspicious utility bucket truck near the intersection of Airmont Avenue and Airmount Road for a motor vehicle violation. The individual was installing ERUV's on utility poles and stated he had permission from Orange and Rockland and produced documentation from Orange & Rockland. Captain Blank was advised of this and made a call to Orange and Rockland and confirmed that permission had been given to install ERUV's.

* The hiring of the Officer for traffic control was handled in a manner consistent with any other traffic detail that we are requested for. The Township had been aware of the installation of the ERUV's on O&R utility poles for approximately one month prior to an Officer being requested for traffic. Appearance wise the ERUV is not significantly different from other conduit pipe installed on O&R poles.

James N. Batelli
Chief of Police
Mahwah Police Department
Administrative Assistant Kathleen Kelly 201-831-2002

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June 13, 2017

Captain Stuart Blank
Patrol Division
Mahwah Police Department
Mahwah, NJ 07430

Certificate of Insurance Review

Project/Vendor: Vaad Heiruv

Dear Captain Blank,

In accordance with your request, we have reviewed the Certificate of Insurance and all associated documentation provided by the Municipality regarding the above-referenced matter.

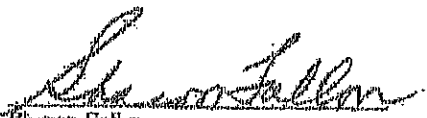
Our review consisted of an evaluation, in relation to the requirements set forth by the Municipality's specifications or in the absence of such, reasonable and prudent standards recognized by the insurance industry and consistent with the Municipality's obligations through its membership in the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MELJ). We also ensure the information is presented in a manner consistent with and in accordance to industry standards. Our findings are contained in the report attached. The documentation provided by the Municipality is also attached, as it serves as the basis for the conclusions and recommendations contained in our Report thereof.

We strongly suggest the Municipality seek the legal advice of the Municipal Attorney with regard to any variations or acceptance inconsistent with said specifications.

We trust this information is helpful to you and appreciate the opportunity to be of service. As always, if you have any additional questions, or if we can be of further assistance on this or other matter of mutual concern, I hope you will not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

PIA McCarthy Forde



Sharon Fallon
Public Entities Department
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Certificate of Insurance Review

Project/Vendor: Vaad Heiruv

June 16, 2017

Section of Certificate		Comments/Observations
√	General Liability	Consistent with requirements/standards
√	Automobile Liability	Consistent with requirements/standards
√	Workers Comp	Satisfactory
√	Umbrella Liability	Satisfactory
√	Certificate Holder	Satisfactory
√	Description of Operations	Satisfactory

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- The expiration date of each policy identified in the Certificate of Insurance should be noted to ensure the Certificate is renewed, should the length of the contract exceed the expiration of the current policies.
- Any Sub-Contractor(s) retained by the Contractor for any work performed for the Township must fully comply with the same insurance requirements applicable to the Contractor.
- The Township should ensure receipt of an original Certificate(s) of Insurance from the Contractor and any Sub-Contractor and retain them on file with the Township.
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NOTE: Analysis based upon information provided by the vendor and/or the Borough
Information deemed to be reliable but not guaranteed



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DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
06/08/2017

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INSURED Vaad Halruv Inc. PO Box 1118 Monsey, NY 10882	INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE INSURER A: MESA UNDERWRITERS SPECIALTY INSURA NAIC # 36838 INSURER B: SCOTTSDALE INSURANCE COMPANY 41297 INSURER C: INSURER D: INSURER E: INSURER F:

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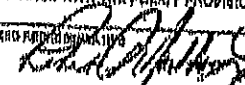
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Certificate Holder

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475 CORPORATE D
MAHWAH, NJ 07430

Insured

SOUTH MONSEY ERUY FUND
31 MORRIS RD
SPRING VALLEY, NY 10977

Agent

SUREWAYS INC
125 RTE 59
MONSEY, NY 10952

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Policy Expiration Date: Apr 6, 2018

Insurance coverage(s)

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SUPPLEMENTARY UNINSURED/UNDERINSURED MOTORIST \$500,000/\$300,000 INCL MANDATORY UMBI

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\$50,000 W/O WORKERS COMP

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL INJURY PROTECTION

FULL ADDITIONAL PIP \$100,000

OPTIONAL BASIC ECONOMIC LOSS

\$25,000

Description of Location/Vehicles/Special Items

Scheduled autos only

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Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 1:41 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: William Laforet
Subject: Re: timely perspective on the eruv controversy

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Well said and important.
Thanks Rabbi.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 21, 2017, at 1:07 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Mayor,

I wanted to bring to your attention an important point that may have been missed in the social-media-induced mass hysteria.

I believe that the public outcry on Facebook and in the media have done a terrible disservice to Mahwah. The Township is on the verge of being irrevocably tarnished by this public controversy that will be taken into account by prospective home buyers who will think twice about moving to a town embroiled in what seems to be a struggle for its life with signs, facebook pages, media coverage, public meetings etc.. To an outsider, a mere 48 hours of media hysterics, now makes Mahwah appear equivalent to communities like Monroe, Pomona etc. where no one will move to because of the perceived 'takeover' of the towns. This has happened for one reason: people who thought and still think they are doing a service to the town have whipped the masses into a frenzy creating a mob-like mentality which follows whoever screams louder. To top that, how many residents have quietly begun thinking of an early exit strategy so that they can get out while the going is good? Who wants to be part of declining community entering decades of what is falsely perceived as a battle for self-preservation? The fact is that while there has not been a single reported home purchase by someone from the Hasidic community to warrant any impression of 'takeover', the publicity is quickly reaching critical mass and I fear that there may be no turning back if wiser and calmer voices do not prevail. I care deeply about Mahwah and strongly urge you to do your utmost to get this message out. It's critical for the community to hear ASAP before there is no turning back.

To the issue itself, smart ordinances to prevent abuse of public spaces etc. can be implemented quietly. But it is important to know that there is no concerted effort to extend any religious enclave into Mahwah, the very notion of an 'organized' single religious community in Rockland is a fantasy. The Eruv is not administered by any non-existent 'central Hasidic authority' but is an independent organization which is responsive to homeowners who request it. The extension into Mahwah was done merely to include both sides of the streets on the border of Airmont by way of the closest major arteries. And regardless, houses are sold every day and no one can ultimately be prevented from moving into a neighborhood.

To conclude, if there is a way I can be helpful please let me know.

I wish you lots of luck!

Rabbi Chanoch Kaplan

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From: Debbie Silvestro [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 2:58 PM
To: William Laforet
Subject: Mahwah concerns
Attachments: USR [Orange & Rockland Letter][85443].pdf

Good Afternoon Mayor,

I am sure you are being inundated with info/concerns over the Eruv situation. In addition to being a member of many facebook groups for our fair town, Mahwah, I am also a member of an Upper Saddle River group where the same concerns are taking place. The attached letter was posted - I thought you would find it informative and interesting.

Thank you for doing what you do for us...Have a Great day.

Debbie

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Oh! By The Way...Please know that I am never too busy to accept any referral.

Thank you - Enjoy Your Day!

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July 18, 2017

VIA EMAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

Thomas Brizzolara, Director of Public Affairs
Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.
1 Blue Hill Plaza
Pearl River, New York 10965

**RE: Eruv On Orange & Rockland Facilities
Borough of Upper Saddle River, New Jersey**

Dear Mr. Brizzolara:

As you are aware, the undersigned is the attorney for the Borough of Upper Saddle River. In furtherance of my telephone conversation with you yesterday, I am advising you that the Borough requires the removal of the devices and strips placed on poles owned and maintained by Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc. ("O&R") on certain streets within the Borough of Upper Saddle River, which are intended to denote the boundaries of an eruv.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of Ordinance No. 16-15 which is part of the Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance. Your attention is directed to Section 1 of the Ordinance, §122-17G, which prohibits the placement of items on public utility poles, except as may be authorized or required by law. It is the Borough's position that this Ordinance prohibits the placement of devices and materials which have been located on O&R's poles which are intended to denote an eruv.

In addition, applicable statutes would require municipal approval for the use by another party of utility poles within Borough rights-of-way. More particularly, *N.J.S.A. 48:3-19* expressly requires the consent of a municipality when a party seeks to use utility poles owned by another. Furthermore, *N.J.S.A. 48:17-10* prohibits the placement of or construction of any pole, conduit, wire or fixture on or upon any public road without approval of the governing body of the municipality except as to lines maintained by telegraph or telephone companies.

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I would suggest that O&R be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,


ROBERT T. REGAN

RTR:pnc

cc: Timothy P. Cawley, CEO of Orange and Rockland
Utilities, Inc. *(Via email and regular mail)*
Michelle Damiani, Orange and Rockland Utilities,
Inc. *(Via email and regular mail)*
Mayor and Council, Borough of Upper Saddle River
Theodore Preusch, Borough Administrator

Adopted 10/1/15

BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER

ORDINANCE #16-15

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 122 OF THE
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE
RIVER ENTITLED, "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS".**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Upper
Saddle River, in the County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1.

Chapter 122 of the Code of the Borough of Upper Saddle River, Streets
and Sidewalks, Article III, Borough Road Regulations, §122-17, Unlawful Acts,
be and is hereby amended to add the following paragraph:

"G. Post or affix any sign, advertisement, notice,
poster, paper, device, or other matter to any
public utility pole, shade tree, lamp post,
curbstone, sidewalk, or upon any public structure or
building, except as may be authorized or required
by law."

Section 2. Fines and Penalties.

For violation of any provision of this Ordinance, the fines and penalties
shall be in accordance with §1-15 of the Borough Code.

Section 3. Severability.

If any section, sentence or any other part of this Ordinance is adjudged
unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not effect, impair or invalidate
the remainder of this Ordinance but shall be confined in its effect to the
section, sentence or other part of this Ordinance directly involved in the

controversy which such judgment shall be rendered.

Section 4. Inconsistent Ordinances Repealed.

All ordinances or parts or ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect after publication thereof and final passage as required by law.


JOANNE L. MINICHETTI, Mayor


ROSE VIDO, RMC Borough Clerk

Introduced: 4/3/15
Adopted: 10/1/15
Approved: 10/1/15

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Subject: ERUV
Attachments: eruv.pdf

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31 Morris Road
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South Monsey Eruv Fund
July 21, 2017
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Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Robert Hermansen; Steve Sbarra; Jonathan Wong; James Wysocki; Janet Ariemma; David May; George Ervin; Quentin Wiest; Brian Chewcaskie
Subject: Fwd: ERUV
Attachments: image001.jpg; ATT00001.htm; image002.jpg; ATT00002.htm; image003.jpg; ATT00003.htm; image004.png; ATT00004.htm; eruv.pdf; ATT00005.htm

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BRIAN M. CHERCASKIE

BMC/cj

cc: Timothy P. Cawley, CEO, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.

Mayor William Laforet

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From: Mahwah-Ramsey Daily Voice [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 3:53 PM
To: William Laforet
Subject: NEWS ALERT: Mahwah Officials: Jewish Enclosure Violates Zoning Law, Must Be Removed

Friday, Jul 21, 2017

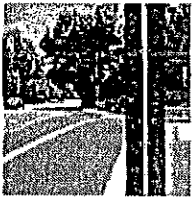
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by Lauren Kidd Ferguson

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From: William Laforet
Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 6:52 AM
To: Mjrbill
Subject: Re: Thank you

Great to have the chance to speak with you I truly appreciate the opportunity As you may know by now I have directed my zoning Official to tell those involved to remove the ERUV Thanks Bill

[REDACTED]

> On Jul 21, 2017, at 7:22 PM, Mjrbill [REDACTED] wrote:

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> Mayor,

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> You have done a great job for our town. I'm sure this was a very stressful and tiring week and I send my utmost gratitude for all the work and effort you put in to being our mayor. It is appreciated much.

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> Most sincerely,

> Michael Rocco

> 7 Winter Ter.

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From: William Laforet
Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 8:24 AM
To: Matthew Neyland
Subject: RE: Mahwah

http://ridgewood.dailyvoice.com/news/mahwah-officials-ritual-enclosure-violates-zoning-law-must-be-removed/717218/?utm_source=daily-email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-ridgewood-51084

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Subject: Mahwah

Mayor,

Can you explain how you posted on the town website that the Eruv was approved by orange and rockland without town approval yet o and r says our police chief approved it personally?

Matt Neyland

Sent from my iPhone

William Laforet

From: Mark Martinelli [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 9:26 AM
To: William Laforet

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Bill: We had met when I helped on the Blue Ribbon panel when you first became Mayor. Much appreciate your proactiveness & leadership in dealing with the issue with the illegal eruv markers. As always you are doing a great job representing Mahwah. Regards, Mark Martinelli

Sent from Mark's iPhone

William Laforet

From: William Laforet
Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Debbie Silvestro
Subject: RE: Mahwah concerns

Deb, good to hear from you. Yes we are aware of this letter. Thanks
We have taken considerable time and effort with our attorney
We are on it, Thanks
Mayor Bill Laforet



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I knew you would be proactive on this...Thank you - have a great weekend.

On Sat, Jul 22, 2017 at 9:38 AM, William Laforet <WLaforet@mahwahtwp.org> wrote:

Deb, good to hear from you. Yes we are aware of this letter. Thanks

We have taken considerable time and effort with our attorney

We are on it, Thanks

Mayor Bill Laforet



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A large, stylized handwritten signature.

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From: Debbie Silvestro [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 2:58 PM
To: William Laforet <WLaforet@mahwahtwp.org>
Subject: Mahwah concerns

Good Afternoon Mayor,

I am sure you are being inundated with info/concerns over the Eruv situation. In addition to being a member of many facebook groups for our fair town, Mahwah, I am also a member of an Upper Saddle River group where the same concerns are taking place. The attached letter was posted - I thought you would find it informative and interesting.

Thank you for doing what you do for us...Have a Great day.

Debbie

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Thank you - Enjoy Your Day!
Deborah R. Silvestro
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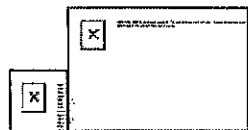
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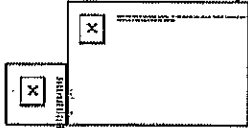
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