

Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Pearson (Chair/Planning Board Liaison)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Auteri	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean DiBartolo (Vice Chair/Plan Review)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kari Baureis	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Martin Golan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuad Dahan (Alternate I)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Yauch O'Farrell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christen Dietz (Alternate II)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Ceccacci (Sustainable Verona Liaison)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christine McGrath (Gov. Body Liaison)	
	DISCUSSION	ACTION REQUIRED
1.	Call to Order by Jess: a) Open Public Meetings Act Statement b) Roll Call performed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.
2.	Public Comment Period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Attendees: Multiple members of Sustainable Verona, Java and Michelle Bradley of Java Compost, and Ina Denburg. Public Attendees were present for composting presentation but reserved comments and or questions for the composting presentation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.
3.	Approval of December 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOTION to Approve: Jess; Second: Frank. APPROVAL: All Members Present AYE. Abstentions: Sarah O'Farrell, Michael Auteri, Martin Golan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sean will email approved minutes to Township Clerk Kiernan and Steve Neale.
4.	Vote on Recommendation Letter for Areas in Need of Redevelopment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOTION to approve the 12/2919 letter to the Governing Body on implementing Green Infrastructure for stormwater management into the Redevelopment plans for the Cameco, Poekel, and Spectrum 360 sites: Sean; Second: Mike. APPROVAL: All Members present AYE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jess emailed the letter to the Mayor, Council, Township Manager, Township Clerk, and Township Attorney on 12/30/19. The VEC was sent a copy the same day for review.
5.	Presentation: Composting Composting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guests Java and Michelle Bradley from Java's Compost in West Orange and Verona Resident Ina Denburg were in attendance to present information as to how Verona residents may become active in reducing their garbage output by composting. Java Compost is a member of the NJ Composting Council and is advocating for legislation that would legalize widespread composting practices throughout the State. The goal of a large-scale composting program in Verona would be to reduce our garbage tonnage, thereby reducing our yearly carting fees, at the same time, increasing the utility of food waste, which comprises approximately 1/3 of all waste output. Their service provides for a weekly or bi-weekly curbside pickup by Java of compostable items left in a 5-gallon bucket. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A weekly pickup costs residents \$12.38 per week, \$49.52 per month totaling \$594.24 per year. b) A bi-weekly pickup costs residents \$8.38 per week, \$33.52 per month totaling \$402.24 per year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ina Denburg collected email addresses of interested members and guests. Government officials present (Councilman Ryan and Councilwoman McGrath) appeared to favor aspects of such a program in Verona. The program requires a minimum of 50 Verona participants in order to service the Township; therefore multiple outlets for public awareness were mentioned: Planet Civic, the Verona Newsletter, and Facebook were among them. Based upon future response, the potential exists for a larger presentation by Java in the

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Twice yearly, the program delivers 10 lbs. of mature composted materials that are ready to be integrated into your garden or donated to urban farm partners. Verona's community garden can receive donations. d) Java offers compost training and equipment essentials for those who wish to do their own. 	Ballroom of the VCC for a broader Verona audience.
6.	Updates:	
	<p>a) Earth Day Celebration Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The VEC invited Sustainable Verona Members to attend the VEC's annual Tree Giveaway and Grove Park Cleanup Event. o Mike A. will work on designing an E-Flyer which will be posted on our Facebook Page and the Verona.org website. o Jessica is planning a meeting with Library Director to discuss a possible secondary celebration to be held jointly with the Library and Sustainable Verona. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike A. will design an E-Flyer for the advertising the event. • Jess will update members on Meeting with Verona Library Director Claudine Pascal.
7.	VEC Plan Review Committee Comments and Findings	
	<p>a) Montclair Golf Club.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Applicant will be updating six existing tennis courts and removing one, removing grass from other areas for the addition of a sod area for tee practice. Applicant will be disturbing more than 1 acre and, as such, is required to submit a Stormwater Management Plan. o Applicant will be removing various unmarked trees, shrubs, and vegetation from the site. The PRC makes specific reference to the Verona's Tree Ordinance and recommends compliance. o Sean presented a summary of the VEC PRC Memo. o MOTION to approve VEC PRC Memo: Sean; Second: Martin. o APPROVAL: All Members Present AYE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean will send VEC PRC memo to the appropriate Board Secretary by their due date.
	<p>b) 21-25 Grove Avenue.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica reminded the VEC that the hearing for the Grove Avenue application that was adjourned last month will be heard Thursday 1/12/2020 and encouraged attendance.
8.	Adjournment: Next meeting February 12, 2020 at 7 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCC Meeting Room