

## December Minutes

Dec. 12, 2009

Present: Jerry Shimonaski, Gloria Machnowski, Anthony Saltalamacchia, Virginia Citrano, Cinzia Cortese

Absent: Tom Freeman, Jim Loudon

Guests: Ben Blinder, VHS student Marc Cortese , Marjorie?

Jerry introduced Marc Cortese, a junior at VHS in need of an environmental project . The commission discussed the need to increase the collection of co-mingle at VHS and HBW . Tony Saltalamacchia ,the HBW Environmental Club advisor was asked by Jerry if he had any numbers on the amount of co-mingle collected at HBW . Tony said he has not had time to do a study at the school. He hoped to complete it in January 2010. We need these numbers before we can approach the schools on what containers need to be purchased ,where they can be stored ,storage containers and how they will be picked up . It was suggested to Marc Cortese that he head up the collection of co-mingle at VHS . Getting the art students to make posters and painting the recycling containers for co-mingle to separate them the paper recycling containers. Jerry said he would contact Chuck Molinaro to deliver the containers to the school . He would also contact Rich Hoatson and Carl Cascone about Marc's project .

We discussed the need for co-mingle bins but need to wait for the HBW study to be completed before making recommendations to the BOE. Discussed ways to reduce the use of bottles at VHS through pushing the use of reusable bottles. Suggestions about selling reusable bottles but would need seed money for this idea. Marjorie suggested that the monthly collection of co-mingle be displayed in clear plastic bags at the side entrance of VHS. The members thought this was a great idea. Jerry said he would send an e-mail to Rich Hoatson and Carl Cascone about this idea.

Jerry Shimonaski, Verona's representative to the Solid Waste

Advisory Council discussed Essex Counties effort to reduce the amounts of recyclables being received at the Coventa incinerator by the municipal haulers . He supplied pictures of commercial and the Townships hauler dropping waste at the incinerator with more than 25% being recycables in the loads. In a few months these hauler will be receiving fines of \$4500 per incident . The intent of these fines is to get municipalities to increase their collection of recycables . Jerry has delivered these pictures to the Mayor and Councilman , Mr. Martin our Township Manager and Mr. Helb our recycling Coordinator . He will also be attending the Council meeting to address this matter.