



Verona Environmental Commission

600 Bloomfield Avenue
Verona, New Jersey 07044

VEC Public Meeting October 16, 2012

7:30 pm Verona Community Center - Adjourned at 8:40 pm

Members present: Gerard Shimonaski, Gloria Machnowski, James Loudon, Tom Freeman, Anthony Saltalamacchia, Tara Bratek and Kerry Bass.

- I. Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes of June 20 and August 29.
- II. Following a brief discussion about flood prevention members agreed to write a Steep Slope Ordinance for Verona. Jerry will prepare it to be reviewed during our next meeting.
- III. Members agreed to follow the steps of the Essex County Environmental Commission by adopting a resolution urging legislators to pass the Safe Playing Fields Act before the New Year. The VEC will suggest the town to do the same.
- IV. The VEC won an ANJEC 2012 Environmental Award. Jerry, Gloria and Kevin will receive the award on behalf of the VEC on Oct. 20th and participate in the congress' workshops. Gloria prepared a display for the commission's table.
- V. Idle Free Verona Poster Contest: Verona students Grade 1 through 8 submitted more than 150 posters. All posters were exhibited at the schools and will be shown at the Verona Public Library after the Award Ceremony, scheduled for Nov. 5. Parents submitted permission slips already. Tony will present the video at HBW and take down the exhibit there. Jerry, Gloria, Tara and Kerry will take down the exhibits at the elementary schools.
- VI. Discussion on the conservation of the Township's water: Jerry will talk to Mr. Martin about the possibility of restricting water sales to conserve it, since we are paying the same rates to purchase it.
- VII. Fair in the Square, Sat. Dec. 1st, 12 to 5 pm: members decided to participate focusing on pesticide awareness. Jerry will not be able to man the table. Tony and Gloria will set up and run the table until 1:40 pm. More members are needed to sign up for 1:30-3:30 pm and 3:20-5:00 pm (including disassemble).
- VIII. Plans to celebrate the commission's 20 year anniversary: members decided to plant a tree to commemorate the occasion. Jerry will discuss the options with Mr. Martin. CGTimes will write an article about the commission's anniversary.