

Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Pearson (Chair/Planning Board Liaison) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuad Dahan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean DiBartolo (Vice Chair/Plan Review) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brooke Berardo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Yauch O'Farrell <input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Castillo (Alternate I) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kari Baureis (Sustainable Verona Liaison) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Holland (Gov. Body Liaison) <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Auteri		
	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"> No public members present.
3.	Approval of April 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOTION to Approve: Kari; Second: Brooke. APPROVAL: All Members Present AYE. Abstentions: None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sean will email approved minutes to Township Clerk Kiernan and Steve Neale.
4.	Updates:	
	a) School Outreach (Brooke/Jess) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jess and Brooke are awaiting receipt of the PSA projects from the students of VHS. They were due on 5/9/2022. Social Media sharing will begin and will continue until all projects have been shared. On Brooke's recommendation, the VEC added an Instagram account for the VEC to reach more followers. Brooke has been added as an editor to the VEC's social media accounts. The project was initiated to help the VEC with public education of the challenging environmental issues we have in Verona. The project will award each student or club member with two hours of community service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jess and Brooke will work to link platforms. Jess will email Mrs. Reisinger to inquire about projects. Update at May meeting
	b) Water Conservation (Fuad/Brooke/Mike) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike is working towards uploading and designing this new information to our website. Fuad continues to update the Township's usage chart. Brooke would like to share our webpage on Instagram and Facebook once our website is updated with the conservation information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates when they become available.
	c) Sustainable Verona (Kari) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SV is in the process of selecting a chair or co-chairs. Kari is interested in speaking with the contracted pool vendor, Lakeside Deli, about recycling at the Verona Pool. Once this meeting occurs, she will ask for a list of rules to be completed and sent to all pool members. Kari also would like the Township to circulate rules to all residents, pointing out that Verona has a new and growing population that may not know what or how to recycle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kari will reach out to the Pool vendor and coordinate with Steve. Updates at each meeting.

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	<p>d) Stormwater Webinar (Tabled)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sean will be preparing a Stormwater webinar for later this year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up at when more information becomes available.
	<p>e) Upcoming Cleanup Events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o VEC members suggested additional cleanup events throughout the Spring and Summer o In addition to our Annual Peckman Cleanup on 6/4/2022, suggestions were made for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 5/21/2022: West Essex Trail Cleanup. b) 7/16/2022: Park Place Peckman River Cleanup (accessible at the unpaved parking lot adjacent to the HB track) o VEC members were polled as to their availability to help with these events. o Jess suggests that VEC members can take the lead on cleanups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike and Sean will create e-flyer and signup list for volunteers.
6.	Ordinance Updates	
	<p>a) RSIS Council Resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Council briefly discussed this issue, and the resolution passed at the 4/25/2022 Council Agenda. o The Resolution was to be forwarded to Governor Murphy, Lt. Gov. Oliver, Senate Pres. Scutari, Assy. Speaker Coughlin, NJDEP Commissioner LaTourette and the League of Municipalities. o The next NJ Site Improvement Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for 6/16/2022. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
	<p>b) Recommended Planting Ordinance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Town Council discussed this Zoning Code update in new business at their 4/25,2022 and 5/9/2022 meetings. o The Ordinance will be introduced at the 5/23/2022 Town Council Meeting. o The VEC will review the list, annually, in January, and send any changes and or updated recommendations to the Town Council by February 1st of each calendar year. If no changes exist, the VEC will send a memo to the Town Council stating that no changes are recommended. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.
	<p>c) Mini Cell Towers: (Tabled)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Pending introduction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.
	<p>d) Tree Ordinance Updates: (Tabled)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Pending introduction for discussion in new business by the Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.
7.	Plan Review (Plan Review Committee (PRC))	
	<p>a) 17 Parkhurst Place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Applicant proposes to divide a 100-foot-wide property into two non-conforming 54-foot-wide properties in an R-70 Zone. o The proposed building coverage on the developed lot will be 20.2% when 20% is the maximum allowable. Additionally, each lot is required to contain 8,400 ft² of area and each is proposed to contain 5,407 ft². 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VEC PRC memo was emailed to the appropriate Board Secretary prior to this meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The driveway appears to be bisected, leaving each proposed property without a usable driveway. ○ Several large, healthy, trees exist on the proposed vacant lot. The Applicant should detail plans for replacement. ○ MOTION to approve VEC PRC Memo 17 Parkhurst Place Subdivision: Jess; Second: Sarah; ○ Abstentions: None. ○ APPROVAL: All other Members Present AYE. 	
	<p>b) 756 Bloomfield Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Applicant proposes to add a 2nd floor, containing three apartments to a building in the MR Zone. Requested variances include those for exceeding maximum allowable improved lot coverage, building coverage, front yard, side yard and rear yard setbacks, as well as parking requirements and open space requirements. ○ The PRC recommended testimony be given to describe where downspouts will send runoff. ○ Recommend that because the structure is over the allowable improved lot coverage by over 35% (1,400 ft²) that green roof stormwater management be considered, or alternate methods of green infrastructure, as a condition of approval. ○ MOTION to approve VEC PRC Memo 756 Bloomfield Avenue: Sean; Second: Sarah; ○ Abstentions: Jess. ○ APPROVAL: All other Members Present AYE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VEC PRC memo was emailed to the appropriate Board Secretary prior to this meeting.
	<p>c) 770 Bloomfield Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Applicant proposes to add a horizontal addition and a 2nd story to a 1-story building for a non-permitted use of a storage facility. ○ Variances include a C-4 Use variance, as well as exceeding maximum allowable coverage, front yard, side yard, and rear yard setbacks and parking requirements. ○ The PRC recommended considerations for a green roof to mitigate stormwater runoff and to potentially install swales at ground level to mitigate roof leader runoff. ○ MOTION to approve VEC PRC Memo 770 Bloomfield Avenue: Sean; Second: Brooke; ○ Abstentions: Jess. ○ APPROVAL: All other Members Present AYE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VEC PRC memo was emailed to the appropriate Board Secretary prior to this meeting.
	<p>d) 50 Grove Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Applicant proposes to add a 2-story home addition that will exceed total allowable lot coverage. ○ The PRC recommended considerations for a green infrastructure to mitigate stormwater runoff. ○ MOTION to approve VEC PRC Memo 50 Grove Avenue: Jess; Second: Kari; ○ Abstentions: None. ○ APPROVAL: All other Members Present AYE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VEC PRC memo was emailed to the appropriate Board Secretary prior to this meeting.
7.	New Business	
	<p>a) Nomination of Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is statutory that the Mayor appoints the Chairperson of the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An email with VEC recommendations for Chair will

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	<p>VEC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The VEC votes internally for the expressed purpose of finding consensus to inform the Mayor for their consideration of these appointments ○ Nominations were sought; Sarah nominated Jessica Pearson to serve as Chairperson for 2022-2023. ○ Chairperson asks for other nominations. None are heard. ○ MOTION to Recommend Jessica Pearson as Chairperson for 2022-2023: Sarah; Second: Fuad; ○ APPROVAL: All other Members Present AYE. 	<p>be sent to the Manager, Clerk and Mayor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Verona Town Council will be reviewing rosters of various committees and commissions in their June Meeting.
	<p>b) Nomination of Vice Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nominations were sought. Jess nominated Sean DiBartolo to serve as Vice Chairperson for 2022-2023. ○ Chairperson asks for other nominations. None are heard. ○ MOTION to Elect Sean DiBartolo as Vice Chairperson for 2022-2023: Jess; Second: Kari; ○ APPROVAL: All other Members Present AYE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None.
	<p>c) Naming of Webmaster, Social Media Lead, and SV Liaison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michael Auteri has volunteered to continue as the VEC webmaster for 2022-2023. ○ Sarah O'Farrell has volunteered to continue as the VEC social media lead for 2022-2023. ○ Kari has volunteered to continue as the SV liaison for 2022-2023. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jess and Sean will update the roster accordingly. ● Anthony, Michael, and Sean are reminded to send an email confirming their wishes to be reappointed to the VEC before June 2022. Emails must be sent to the Township Clerk, Jennifer Kiernan and specifically name your position on the VEC and your term.
	<p>d) Review of Standing Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The VEC reviews its standing rules every 2 years. ○ A change to the VEC Ordinance, Chapter 18 was made in January 2022; namely, the appointing official of VEC members was changed from the Manager to the Mayor. Rules were updated to reflect this change. ○ Rules will require review in April or May of 2024. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The standing rules should be published on our website.
	<p>e) Proposed meeting dates for 2022-2023 year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The VEC usually meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month except for August. ○ The following meeting dates are proposed for 2022: 7/13, no August meeting, 9/14, 12/12, 11/9, and 12/14. ○ The following meeting dates are proposed for 2023: 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10, and 6/14. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All dates were found to be acceptable to members. ● The dates must be sent to Municipal Clerk Kiernan upon for publication. Our meetings will remain on Zoom unless otherwise noticed.
8.	<p>Adjournment: 8:10 p.m. Next Meeting Wednesday, June 8 at 7 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Via Internet Conference.