

Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Pearson (Chair/Planning Board Liaison) <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Holland (Gov. Body Liaison) <input checked="" 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 May 11, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOTION to Approve: Kari; Second: Sean. 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 received nine public service announcement projects from VHS students. Social media sharing will begin and will continue until all projects have been shared. The project was initiated to help the VEC with public education of the challenging environmental issues we have in Verona/NJ. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jess and Brooke will work post all projects.
	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. He wants to redesign to make uploading new educational information easier. Fuad continues to update the Township's usage chart. Brooke will share information on Instagram and FB. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates when they become available.
	c) Sustainable Verona (Kari) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SV is expected to select a new chairperson: Danielle Zink. They are deciding when and how often to hold meetings. Jess will meet with Danielle soon to discuss collaboration on certain projects. Kari 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"> Updates at each meeting.
	d) Stormwater <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rutgers University presented at the May 23, 2022 Council meeting. They have created a mapping system for the town that indicates the chance of flooding as related to predictable rainfall amounts. They studied erosion and riverbed changes at the Peckman River and made recommendations for stabilization with fabric 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up at when more information becomes available. Sean is still considering a Stormwater webinar for later this year

	<p>and riprap. Gabion basket systems were found to be 3 to times more expensive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Other high-risk areas are the bridge systems and the wastewater treatment plant. ○ For the wastewater plant: sandbags are the least expensive option for protection. However this option is non-permanent. Temporary flood barriers would be more permanent and protect against 3-foot surges. ○ To regain some predevelopment infiltration benefits to our highly developed town, they suggested installing detention basins but admitted that Verona does not have any viable area for such installation. ○ They also suggested re-routing the 24-inch pipe that runs down Bloomfield Avenue from Caldwell to realign across Fairview Avenue and then down to the river. This raised questions about the County-owned pipe system, pricing, and the impacts of sending our stormwater directly towards Cedar Grove, a community that is rife with flooding problems already. ○ Also suggested modifying the Verona Park Lake Dam. 	
	<p>e) Upcoming Cleanup Events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Park Place Peckman River Cleanup (accessible at the unpaved parking lot adjacent to the HB track), which was proposed for July 16, 2022: will be postponed to the Fall to provide more time between our cleanup events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No actions needed.
	<p>f) RSIS Council Resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The next NJ Site Improvement Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2022. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
6.	Ordinance Updates	
	<p>a) Recommended Planting Ordinance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Ordinance was introduced at the May 23, 2022, Council Meeting and sent to the Planning Board for consistency review. ○ The PB approved the ordinance for consistency at their May 26, 2022 meeting and the Council will likely consider final passage at their June 11, 2022 meeting. ○ The VEC will review the list every 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 Council stating that no changes are recommended. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.
	<p>b) Mini Cell Towers: (Tabled)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending introduction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.
	<p>c) Tree Ordinance Updates: (Tabled)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending introduction for discussion in new business by the Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.
7.	Plan Review	
	<p>a) 54 Durrell Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The applicants propose to install a concrete paver patio, an in-ground pool, an outdoor kitchen, a firepit area, a shed, walkways, and related mechanical systems. 	<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 proposed installations will increase total improved lot coverage to 44.2% when 35% is permitted. ○ The Applicant must comply with Verona's minor development stormwater ordinance, but have only proposed gray infrastructure, with no attempt to install green infrastructure. ○ Recommend that the applicant install green infrastructure before gray. ○ MOTION to approve VEC PRC Memo 54 Durrell Street ○ Subdivision: Sean; Second: Jessica; ○ Abstentions: None. ○ APPROVAL: All other Members Present AYE. 	
	<p>b) 18 Franklin Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Applicants began installing a pool and surrounding decking without permits; a stop-work order was issued. ○ The applicants are seeking variances for exceeding maximum building coverage, maximum total improved lot coverage and rear yard setback allowance. The coverage with the proposed installation will increase from 32.5% to 48.3% when 40% is the maximum allowable. ○ The applicant must comply with the Verona Stormwater Ordinance for minor developments and has shown a proposed retention area, however, the plans do not list any details or plantings for this area. Additionally, the yard appears to be covered in white stones. ○ The PRC recommends that the Applicant supply details of this natural retention basin area as to the extent of the area, the materials planned for it and on the redirecting of roof leaders towards the area. ○ MOTION to approve VEC PRC Memo 18 Franklin Street ○ Subdivision: Jessica; Second: Sean; ○ 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) Reminder to expiring members to request reappointment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair reminds Vice Chair DiBartolo and members Auteri and Castillo to send an email to the Township Clerk, Jennifer Kiernan, requesting reappointment to another term of service on the VEC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Verona Town Council will be reviewing rosters of various committees and commissions in their June Meeting. Reappointments will be made in June.
	<p>b) Sean updates us on the Eagle Scout Project/Geocache</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Eagle Scout Candidate reconnected with Sean. We are not sure where he wants to construct a potential boardwalk in the FN Brown Peckman Woods. ○ Geocache in Grove Park has been updated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates when available.
8.	<p>Adjournment: 8:03 p.m. Next Meeting Wednesday, July 13, at 7 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via Internet Conference.