

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 1)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kari Baureis (Sustainable Verona Liaison)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erdal Turnacioglu (Alternate 2)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Auteri	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Holland (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"> No public members present.
3.	Approval of January 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOTION to Approve: Mike ; 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) Poster/PSA Contest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some Posters have already been received. All posters are due by 3/24/2023. Awards Ceremony is scheduled for 4/17/2023 Council Meeting and has been confirmed with the Township Clerk Jennifer Kiernan. Once all posters are received, Commissioners will be assigned files from one school and will be tasked to choose a winning project from that school. The deadline for choosing winners will be set for early April so that Clerk Kiernan has time to plan for the ceremony. Jessica is planning on making a short video to showcase many of the entries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates as they become available.
	b) Website Updates <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 and more organized through a module that he has developed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates when they become available. Jess has forwarded pics of treasured trees to Mike for the creation of a new page.
	c) Treasured Tree Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed getting a mapping module on the VEC website to locate Treasured Trees in town. QR code the we place on each placard will bring user to Treasured Tree landing page on our website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike to research getting Google Earth KML/KMZ files as a source file for our website's future mapping tool.

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	<p>d) Sustainable Verona (Kari)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o SV met on meeting on 2/1/2023. o Video project with Sarah and member of SV o Garden lottery is open and closes 2/20/2023. o Discussed Cleanup event scheduling with the VEC. o Sports Equipment Swap: 3/18/2023. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates at each meeting.
	<p>e) Scout Project (Sean)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Bridge at the Peckman Trails is in place has passed inspection. o Ayden also installed small boardwalk areas through the south portion of the trail that remains waterlogged. o Jessica has a meeting scheduled with Dr. Lanzo to discuss security, lights, cameras, the signpost at the trail entry, and access to the Peckman Trails through school property. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.
	<p>f) Stormwater RSIS Rules (Tabled)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Next SIAB meeting is scheduled for 3/16/2023. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up at when more information becomes available.
5.	Ordinance Updates:	
	<p>a) Tree Ordinance Updates and VEC Memo:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Council passed the revised ordinance at their 2/6/2023 meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.
	<p>b) Invasive Species Ordinance Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Pending review and discussion by the Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.
6.	Plan Review:	
	<p>a) 1 Sunset Ave pending</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Applicant has resubmitted site, architectural and stormwater management plans. Pending Hearings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.
	<p>b) 48 Mount Prospect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Applicant proposes a deck which exceeds the 20 percentage of the home's building footprint allowance. o The deck may possibly exceed property coverage of 40 percent, but this issue was not flagged by the Zoning Officer. The PRC recommended that the Board of Adjustment consider mitigative factors such as a rain garden, as a condition of approval. o The PRC sent a low impact development checklist and recommended proper disposal and recycling of all construction waste. o MOTION to approve VEC PRC Memo for 48 Mount Prospect: Sean; Second: Jessica. o APPROVAL: All other Members Present: AYE o ABSTAIN: None. 	<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) Project Ideas for 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Think of ideas for educating the public. o Sarah suggestion for an interactive invasive species tour with video is being explored for Spring/Summer. o Add Geocache at the Community Garden. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a short list of achievable actions that the VEC can take on 2023.

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	<p>b) Verona Sports Equipment Swap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scheduled for Saturday, 3/18/23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ○ Volunteers are needed to help receive items on Friday, 3/17 at the Community Center from 12 to 8 p.m. and to help run the swap on Saturday. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Kari for scheduling.
	<p>c) Upcoming Cleanup Event Reminder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March Madness Cleanup: 9 to 11 a.m. West Essex Trail in Verona (between Arnold Way and Fairview Avenue). ○ Earth Day Cleanup: 9 to 11 a.m. at Peckman Park (Brookside Terrace/Commerce Court). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean has created signup sheet for March cleanup. • Mike created a flyer for March cleanup. • Sarah will post to social media.
	<p>d) ANJEC Membership Renewal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reminder that ANJEC offers a wide array of educational resources for all Commissioners. ○ Upcoming: Fundamentals for Effective ECs: Virtual Training Sessions from 3/21 through 3/23. ○ Perhaps we can schedule Site Plan 101, led by Sean to introduce simple site plans to Commissioners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check ANJEC site for registration details.
8.	<p>Adjournment: 8:07 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next Meeting Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via Internet Conference.