

<b>Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)</b>		
<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 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)	
	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>
1.	<b>Call to Order by Jess:</b> a) Open Public Meetings Act Statement b) Roll Call performed.	• None.
2.	<b>Public Comment Period:</b>	• No public members present.
3.	<b>Approval of February 8, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes:</b> • <b>MOTION to Approve:</b> Sarah; <b>Second:</b> Erdal • <b>APPROVAL:</b> All Members Present AYE. • <b>Abstentions:</b> None.	• Sean will email approved minutes to Township Clerk Kiernan and Steve Neale.
4.	<b>Updates:</b>	
	<b>a) Poster/PSA Contest</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All posters are due by 3/24/2023.</li> <li>○ Awards Ceremony is scheduled for 4/17/2023 Council Meeting and has been confirmed with the Township Clerk Jennifer Kiernan.</li> <li>○ Members will have files shared to them on or around 3/24/2023 and must choose one winner from that file by Thursday 3/30/2023 and send the winner's name back to Jessica and Brooke. Jessica will forward all the winning submissions and names (schools) to Mrs. Kiernan for preparation of certificates.</li> <li>○ Jessica is planning on making a short video to showcase many of the entries.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates as they become available.</li> <li>• Members are reminded to attend the Town Council meeting for the Awards Ceremony: 4/17/2023 at 7 p.m.</li> </ul>
	<b>b) Website Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates when they become available.</li> <li>• Jessica has forwarded photos of treasured trees to Mike for the creation of a new page.</li> </ul>
	<b>c) Treasured Tree Program (Tabled)</b>	• Follow up at when more information becomes available.
	<b>d) Sustainable Verona (Kari)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SV met on meeting on 3/1/2023.</li> <li>○ A new chair was elected: Kerry Bass.</li> <li>○ Action Steps for Silver Certification were discussed.</li> <li>○ Community garden opens March 18-19<sup>th</sup>. Come see the new signage.</li> <li>○ Discussed Cleanup event scheduling with the VEC; will be joining VEC at both planned events on 3/25 and 4/22/2023.</li> <li>○ Sports Equipment Swap: 3/18/2023.</li> </ul>	• Updates at each meeting.

	<p><b>e) Scout Project (Sean)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The bridge at the Peckman Trails is in place has passed inspection.</li> <li>○ Ayden would be honored to have a ceremony to celebrate the completion of this project. Dr Lanzo would like to participate in this event. Schedule TBD.</li> <li>○ Jessica had 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.</li> <li>○ There is no access to the trails via school property during school hours, and no real viable alternatives that are safe.</li> <li>○ Dr Lanzo recommends that we replace the signage at the Trail's entry; Sean can measure the size of the laminate cover that we need. Discussed the design of the trail and Jess asks if someone can redesign the map accordingly. Sean thinks he can use the old map to redesign it.</li> <li>○ Dr. Lanzo does not want to install new lighting, as it could attract nighttime visitors rather than deter them. Additionally, their security cameras only capture their parking lot, and the quality is terrible. He does not recommend that independent cameras be placed at the trail or on school property.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates as they become available.</li> <li>• 6/3/2023 Celebration for Ayden- between 9 and 11 a.m.</li> <li>• Sean will measure and price out plexiglass (call Walter).</li> <li>• Jessica will mark remaining trees on the PDF for Sean to reconfigure.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>f) Recycling Assembly (3 R's) Pilot for F.N. Brown</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Lanzo invited/requested that the VEC create an assembly for his school regarding the 3 R's: Recycling, Reusing and Reducing. Sarah is representing the VEC at OLL on Sunday 3/12/2023 and will lead an assembly about the VEC and on recycling. She will continue to develop some ideas for a more engaging assembly for the students and we will try to schedule one before June. Jessica asks for volunteers who can participate during a workday in the future.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up when more information becomes available.</li> <li>• Brooke/Sarah/Jessica/Erdal/Mike.</li> </ul>
5.	<b>Ordinance Updates:</b>	
	<p><b>a) Invasive Species Ordinance Recommendation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pending review and discussion by the Council.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates as they become available.</li> </ul>
6.	<b>Plan Review:</b>	
	<p><b>a) 8 Belleclaire Place</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The applicant proposes to build a single family home on an undeveloped lot which will exceed allowable building height.</li> <li>○ The Applicant is removing a number of trees and will be required to replace or pay into the tree fund what would be equal to 14 to 18 trees.</li> <li>○ The applicant will be adding just over 7,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of new impervious surface to the property, which includes the home, the driveway, walkways, patios and a pool. This qualifies as a major development and requires a stormwater management plan and green infrastructure to mitigate runoff.</li> <li>○ The VEC PRC sent a low impact development checklist and recommended proper disposal and recycling of all construction waste.</li> <li>○ <b>MOTION to approve VEC PRC Memo for 8 Belleclaire Place:</b> Jessica; <b>Second:</b> Kari.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VEC PRC memo was emailed to the appropriate Board prior to this meeting.</li> </ul>

**Regular Meeting Minutes:  
 Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 7 p.m.  
 Via Internet Conferencing**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>APPROVAL:</b> All other Members Present: AYE</li> <li>○ <b>ABSTAIN:</b> None.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>b) Site Plan Review 101</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sean walked through a site plan reading and review for the VEC's benefit; what to look for and what to seek mitigation for from an environmental perspective.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>
7.	<b>New Business:</b>	
	<p><b>a) Discussion of Ideas for 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sarah suggestion for an interactive invasive species tour with video is being explored for Spring/Summer.</li> <li>○ Erdal is working on increasing awareness of global warming.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a short list of achievable actions that the VEC can take on 2023.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>b) Verona Sports Equipment Swap</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Scheduled for Saturday, 3/18/23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</li> <li>○ 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Kari for scheduling.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>c) Upcoming Cleanup Event Reminder</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>March Madness Cleanup:</b> 9 to 11 a.m. West Essex Trail in Verona (between Arnold Way and Fairview Avenue.)</li> <li>○ <b>Earth Day Cleanup:</b> 9 to 11 a.m. at Peckman Park (Brookside Terrace/Commerce Court)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sean has created a signup sheet for March cleanup.</li> <li>• Mike created a flyer for the March cleanup.</li> <li>• Sarah will post to social media.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>d) ANJEC series</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Upcoming: Fundamentals for Effective ECs: Virtual Training Sessions from 3/21 through 3/23.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check ANJEC site for registration details.</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>Adjournment: 8:07 p.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Next Meeting Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7 p.m.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Via Internet Conference.</li> </ul>
9.	<p><b>Meeting Minutes Approved on 4/12/2023.</b>  <b>Drafted by Jessica Pearson, Chair, VEC</b></p>	