

<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 type="checkbox"/> Sean DiBartolo (Vice Chair/Plan Review)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brooke Berardo	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Yauch O'Farrell	<input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Castillo (Alternate No. 1)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kari Baureis (Sustainable Verona Liaison)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erdal Turnacioglu (Alternate No. 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 Jessica:</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 March 8, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes:</b> • <b>MOTION to Approve:</b> Brooke; <b>Second:</b> Mike. • <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 Awards/Ceremony</b> ○ The contest is complete with all winners and two honorable mentions. ○ Jessica has made a short video to showcase many of the entries. ○ Brooke discussed how the contest added educational element to their regular curriculum.	• Members are reminded to attend the Town Council meeting for the Awards Ceremony: 4/17/2023 at 7 p.m.
	<b>b) Website Updates</b> ○ Sean is working towards designing the Treasured Tree Program page. ○ Jess has a spreadsheet but is having trouble with the orientation of the pictures as they are added to the spreadsheet (they are off by 90 degrees) ○ Mike will look at spreadsheet to make corrections.	• Updates when they become available. • Jessica has forwarded pics of treasured trees to Mike for the creation of a new page.
	<b>c) Treasured Tree Program</b> ○ Jessica ordered nine new 5"x7" tags. ○ The cost is \$15.00 per tag or about \$135.00. ○ The Township does not recommend adding a QR code sticker to any trees on private property.	• Updates when they become available.

	<p><b>d) Sustainable Verona (Kari)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SV met on meeting on 4/5/2023.</li> <li>○ Action Steps for Silver Certification were discussed.</li> <li>○ Discussed Council Presentation for May 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting.</li> <li>○ Discussed Cleanup event scheduling with the VEC- will be joining us at our Earth Day Cleanup: 4/22/2023.</li> <li>○ \$500 dollars in VHS Scholarships (2x \$250).</li> <li>○ Sports Swap raised over \$1,000 dollars for Friends of Verona's Parks, a new 501c3.</li> <li>○ Jessica met with SV chair Kerry to discuss collaboration on Sustainable NJ action documents.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Updates at each meeting.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>e) Scout Project Ceremony/Fairy Trail Event Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Date for Ayden's ceremony is 6/3/2023 at the Annual Peckman River Trails Cleanup event. The ceremony will occur at a time to be determined at our May meeting.</li> <li>○ The Daisy Scouts and Brownies are interested in holding an event at the Fairy Trails to install some new houses and hold a "Fairy Tales at the Fairy Trail" event with the VEC.</li> <li>○ The event will be organized and run by the Scouts; the VEC are invited to their event, where members would help with house placement, trail clearing and reading fairy tales to the Scouts.</li> <li>○ The Date of this event is 5/13/2023 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.</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 FN Brown</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dr. Lanzo had a conference call with Jessica and Mr. Weibel to discuss recycling assemblies.</li> <li>○ Each assembly will not exceed a 15- to 20-minute time limit.</li> <li>○ They will take place on 4/21/2023 from 9 to 11 a.m. with three different assemblies for the different age groups.</li> <li>○ Sarah will lead the assemblies and Jessica has created a slide show for visual aids to accompany Sarah's presentation.</li> <li>○ Jessica, Mike, and Erdal may join to help Sarah with her presentation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Follow up when more information becomes available.</li> <li>● Brooke/Sarah/Jess/Erdal/Mike.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>g) Earth Day Cleanup Event, April 22, 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4/22/2023- Rain Date 4/23/2023. We hope all members can help participate in this event.</li> <li>○ Even though this is mainly a cleanup event, we want the community to come out to celebrate Earth Day: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Music will be presented by Paul Baccash</li> <li>● Compound Coffee will be selling goodies at reduced prices.</li> <li>● 10 birdhouse kits have been donated for distribution to children by Verona Rocks.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jess will contact DPW to get supplies, tables, etc.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>Ordinance Updates</b></p>	
	<p><b>a) Invasive Species Ordinance Recommendation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pending review and discussion by the Council.</li> <li>○ Councilwoman Holland asked the Administration when they</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Updates as they become available.</li> </ul>

	expected to get to this. No date was specified.	
6.	<b>Plan Review:</b>	
	<p><b>a) 30 Pease Avenue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Applicant proposes to expand their garage into a non-conforming accessory use (cabana) with a bathroom, wet bar, lounge area, etc.</li> <li>○ The property appears to be over the total allowable improved lot coverage, estimated at 53.9% where 40% is allowable.</li> <li>○ The VEC PRC requested that the applicant submit an updated existing-condition plan to the Board that better captures existing lot coverage and that green infrastructure for storm water runoff and mitigation be installed.</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 30 Pease Avenue:</b> Jessica; <b>Second:</b> Erdal.</li> <li>○ <b>APPROVAL:</b> All other Members Present AYE.</li> <li>○ <b>ABSTAIN:</b> None.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● VEC PRC memo was emailed to the appropriate Board prior to this meeting.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>b) 32 Sunset Avenue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Applicant proposes to install an inground pool which will exceed the total improved lot coverage allowance by a total of 6.6% or 41.6% when 35% is allowed.</li> <li>○ The applicant is installing a 1,290 gallon seepage tank and the VEC PRC requested that the Applicant's engineer confirm that the tank is designed to properly handle the runoff and that it can be installed without hitting bedrock.</li> <li>○ Additional green infrastructure installation/trees was also requested.</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 32 Sunset Avenue:</b> Jessica; <b>Second:</b> Kari.</li> <li>○ <b>APPROVAL:</b> All other Members Present AYE.</li> <li>○ <b>ABSTAIN:</b> None.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● VEC PRC memo was emailed to the appropriate Board prior to this meeting.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>c) 151 Claremont Avenue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Applicant proposes an addition to the home which will encroach into the front yard setback. The addition will also add 475 square feet of new impervious surface, which qualifies as a minor development and requires runoff mitigation.</li> <li>○ The VEC PRC requested that green infrastructure/trees be installed on their site.</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 151 Claremont Avenue:</b> Jessica; <b>Second:</b> Mike.</li> <li>○ <b>APPROVAL:</b> All other Members Present AYE.</li> <li>○ <b>ABSTAIN:</b> None.</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, April 12, 2023, at 7 p.m.  
Via Internet Conferencing**

7.	<b>New Business</b>	
	<b>a) Nomination of Chair (Tabled until May)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tabled.</li> </ul>
	<b>b) Nomination of Vice Chair (Tabled until May)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tabled.</li> </ul>
	<b>c) Naming of Webmaster, Social Media Lead and SV Liaison (Tabled until May)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sarah, Kari, and Brooke are reminded to send an email confirming their wishes to be reappointed to the VEC before June 2023. Emails must be sent to the Township Clerk, Jennifer Kiernan and specifically name yourselves as Commissioner whose term expires on 6/30/2023 and that your reappointment would extend until 6/30/2026 (3 years).</li> <li>○ Erdal is reminded to of the same- naming himself as Alternate No. 2 whose reappointed term would expire in 2025 (2 years).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members must send an email to the Clerk for reappointment.</li> </ul>
	<b>d) Proposed meeting dates for the 2023-24 year:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The VEC usually meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month except for August.</li> <li>○ The following meeting dates are proposed for 2023: July 12, Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, and Dec 13.</li> <li>○ The following meeting dates are proposed for 2024: Jan 10, Feb 14, March 13, April 10, May 8, and June 12.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jessica will date list to all.</li> <li>• The dates must be sent to Municipal Clerk Kiernan upon publication. Our meetings will remain on Zoom unless otherwise noticed.</li> </ul>
8.	<b>Adjournment: 7:50 p.m.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Next Meeting Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 7 p.m.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Via Internet Conference.</li> </ul>
9.	<b>Meeting Minutes Approved: 5/10/2023.</b> <b>Drafted by Jessica Pearson, Chair, VEC</b>	