

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"/> Walter Steinmann	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Yauch O'Farrell	<input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Castillo (Alternate 1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Kari Baureis (Sustainable Verona Liaison)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erdal Turnacioglu (Alternate 2)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Auteri	<input type="checkbox"/> Christopher Tamburro (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 June 14, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOTION to Approve: Sarah; Second: Erdal. APPROVAL: All Members Present AYE. Abstentions: Walter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sean will email approved minutes to Township Clerk Kiernan and Elisa Northrop.
4.	Updates:	
	a) Treasured Tree Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jess planning to order a new tag for the nominated Dogwood tree. Public education on social media has begun on social media and will continue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jess will order a tag for the Dogwood Tree at the end of the summer.
	b) Sustainable Verona (Kari) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SV joined a virtual solar open house tour on 7/6/2023. This included local installations at Prout Funeral Home and the Holy Spirit Church. Their next meeting will be on 8/2/2023. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates at each meeting.
	c) Pool Recycling Engagement (Kari) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kari could not make the meeting, so members should float dates for recycling awareness table to be run by Commissioners at the Verona Pool. We should confirm via email as per Kari's availability. Walter works at the pool and indicated that the staff cannot sort the recyclables from the garbage and that all recycling bins end up with garbage and all garbage cans end up with recycling materials. All recycling bins are dumped into on garbage container for pickup by our service company. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kari and Walter will confer on this topic
	d) Concert Series Engagement (Jess)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials need to be printed out for showcasing. If someone has an iPad with pictures of cleanups, garden installations, Scout partnerships/events, etc. That would be incredibly helpful.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jess confirms that the VEC may host a table at the 8/2/2023 concert series in town square. ○ The focus should be “Meet the VEC”. ○ The table should exhibit some of our programs and tasks. ○ The table should exhibit some of the many tasks the VEC is charged with (Cleanup pics, garden installations, Scout partnerships, Recycling assemblies and other engagements, copies of ordinances that we recommended, plan reviews, etc.) to invite questions about becoming more involved. 	
	<p>e) Recycling Assembly (3 R’s) Pilot for FN Brown (Sarah)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sarah is drafting an email plan to be sent out in August to the Principals of Forest, Brookdale, and Laning to request that the VEC give a recycling presentation. ○ Sarah suggests adding slides on no idling to coincide with Walk to School Day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Follow up when more information becomes available.
	<p>f) Public Engagement: Junior Commissioner (Mike)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mike has a meeting with the Administrator in charge of this Program in Wyckoff and will update us in September. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Follow up when more information becomes available. ●
5.	<p>Ordinance Updates:</p> <p>a) Jess discussed the necessary revisions for all Municipalities to comply with the Inland Flood Protection Rule revisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ These include revisions to both N.J.A.C 7:13 and N.J.A.C 7:8 and are reflected in Verona’s Chapters 270 and 455. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sean will email Mike P from the Watershed Institute to seek guidance on any enhancements to the State’s model ordinance. ● Jess has requested to sit with Brian to work on updates to Chapter 455, among others.
6.	<p>Plan Review:</p> <p>a) None</p>	
7.	<p>New Business</p> <p>a) Summer Event Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8/2/20223: Concert Series Table <p>b) Trail Map/ FN Brown Kiosk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion is had on what sort of map should be created to represent the trail. We will ID the larger significant trees and put QR codes on trees. Sean may make it more pictorial. ○ Upon viewing Sean’s map on our shared screen, he notes that the river bounds extend beyond the original delineations, which emphasized the loss of riverbanks. We discussed posting two maps, side-by-side in the kiosk to illustrate the changes. ○ Sean intends to contact the Rutgers University students who presented Stormwater Mitigation project to the Verona Town Council in March 2022. ○ Wetlands should be highlighted, as well as the bat house installation and perhaps some, but not all, of the more significant trees. ○ As per Walter, we can tag the more significant trees and form a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None ● Updates in September ● Sean will email Jen in regard to the Rutgers University students that presented stormwater mitigation ideas in 2022 to the Town Council. ● Walter can help with signage for Events and Sean can help print.

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 Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 7 p.m.
 Via Internet Conferencing**

	<p>QR code to a page on Jerseyyards.org that describe that tree. Walter can create those tags and we can screw them in with stainless expandable screws.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The VEC discussed the kiosk and will resume when Mayor Tamburro is available. He mentioned that he runs a club at the high school that may be interested in updating / painting it. ○ The VEC discussed the plexiglass replacement costs for the kiosk. Walter can help get a reasonably priced piece that can be cut to fit properly. (\$60). 	
	<p>c) Cleanups, research and other ideas for public engagement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Perhaps reduce our cleanup events and or introduce different types of engagement events. ○ Pool recycling engagement; education at the pool: Sarah will contact Steve to initiate her receptacle labels. ○ Continue our relationship with the Fairy Trail Scouts. ○ Proposal to work with other town's Commissions. ○ Walk in the Memorial Day Parade. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike will make contact with other commission programs for junior commissioners. • Walter can help with signage for Events and Sean can help print. • Sarah will put together media for the signage for printing. • Members are asked to think about other projects and budgetary needs.
	<p>d) Sarah discusses Instagram success: over 1,000 followers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
8.	<p>Adjournment: 8 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next Meeting Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via Internet Conference.
9.	<p>Meeting Minutes Approved: 9/12/2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jessica Pearson, Chair, Verona Environmental Commission 	