

Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Pearson (Chair/Planning Board Liaison)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam Bulger	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean DiBartolo (Vice Chair/Plan Review)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Peña	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Yauch O'Farrell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Philip Beulac (Alternate I)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fuad Dahan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christopher Tamburro (Gov. Body Liaison)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Steinmann	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant Seat (Alternate II)	
	DISCUSSION	ACTION REQUIRED
1.	Call to Order by Jess: a) Open Public Meetings Act Statement. b) Roll Call performed. c) Welcome new members Kelly and Philip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
2.	Public Comment Period:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
3.	Approval of September 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOTION to Approve: Sarah Second: Adam • APPROVAL: All Members Present AYE. • Abstentions: Kelly, Philip. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean will email approved minutes to Township Clerk Kiernan and Public Information Officer Northrop and post them to the VEC website.
4.	Updates:	
	a) Peckman Kiosk Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jess, Walter, and Sean still need to meet to discuss content and design. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lock re-keying in process. • Meetings should occur for layout and content between Sean, Walter and Jess.
	b) Newsletter: Winter 2024-25 focus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sean suggested that the Winter edition include annual report information and will recap report for Jess to integrate into design. ○ Additional content: Christmas Tree disposal? ○ Sarah will chart for social media followers; Cece will help. ○ Jess will ask Elisa for a 12/26/2024 send date. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available. • Winter Newsletter to be sent to Elisa for a hopeful 12/26/2025 send date.
	c) Sustainable Verona <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Silver Certification was gained. ○ The EV Fair was a great success. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates at each meeting.
	d) Junior Commissioners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nia: Finished with research and presentation is in draft format; will be doing dry run presentation with Jessica next week. ○ Cece: Finished with research and presentation is in draft format; will be doing dry run presentation with Jessica next week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jess and other members may review the presentations to help with suggestions and tips for the Jr. Commissioners.
	e) Jr. Commissioner Presentation Dates available at the VCC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The following dates are on reserve at the VCC for the Jr. Commissioner presentations: 12/3, 12/9, or 12/10/2024 with 12/10/2024 working for most all. ○ Jess is working with Municipal Clerk Kiernan to hold presentations in Town Hall's Council Chambers for capturing on Zoom video so we can have video that shows slide shows. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates when they become available.

**Regular Meeting Minutes:
Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 7 p.m.
Via Internet Conferencing**

	<p>f) Everett Field Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Recreation committee members sent a memo to the Council to forbid the installation of any permanent PA system on site and to only allow for use of a temporary system during certain special occasions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates when they become available.
5.	<p>Ordinance Updates</p>	
	<p>a) Verona Stormwater Ordinance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A minor section was left out of the Verona Ordinance (Floatable and solids) and the Council passed updates on first reading and the Ordinance was sent to the Planning Board for consistency review, to be heard on October 22, 2024. ○ Other additions were minor: section references were updated and three definitions were added to the Ordinance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.
	<p>b) Committee Meeting Attendance Ordinance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Council has tabled the meeting attendance ordinance for further amendments and edits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.
6.	<p>Plan Review</p>	
	<p>a) 176 Grove Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applicant seeks a flag lot subdivision, thus a variance is required, to add a “single family house.” The plans for the house do not accompany the application for the subdivision, therefore, no VEC review was necessary. ○ However, the rear of the property contains forested land which is listed in by the DEP to contain wood turtles, a threatened species according to the NJDEP. ○ The site does not contain any mapped wetlands or waterways. ○ A land use DEP expert sent a map of the site with a suggested outline for potential disturbance. The rear of property was recommended to be left undisturbed. ○ NO VOTE was necessary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Memo was formed for this property discussion.
7.	<p>New Business</p>	
	<p>a) Events Planning and Subcommittees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jess and Sarah can use help organizing / running the clean ups ○ Nia suggested a cleanup event for early November (perhaps behind HBW’s track) and added that VHS students need volunteer hours. She recommends printing out a few flyers so she can post them at the school. ○ Sarah would like to organize an invasive plant species walk. ○ Backyard gardening webinar with Kelly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion at next meeting. • Cleanup was scheduled for November 16, 2024 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the end of Park Place (behind HBW field).
8.	<p>Adjournment: 8:21 p.m. Next Meeting Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 7 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via Internet Conference.
9.	<p>Meeting Minutes Approved: 11/13/2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jessica Pearson, Chair, Verona Environmental Commission 	