

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 type="checkbox"/> Philip Beaulac (Alternate I)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fuad Dahan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Deo (Alternate II)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Steinmann	<input checked="" 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"> James Waugh: Discusses Eagle Scout Project Plans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VEC to support Eagle Scout Projects as necessary.
3.	Approval of March 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOTION to Approve: Sarah; Second: Walter. APPROVAL: All Members Present, AYE. Abstentions: None. 	<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 (On hold) <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 replacement underway Meetings should occur for layout and content between Sean, Walter, and Jess.
	b) Newsletter: Summer 2025 topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam: Speaking with professional or student based eco groups to focus more broadly on Essex County issues. Adam: May create another quiz. Sarah: Pictorial story on James Waugh Eagle Scout project; focus on cleanup pics from newly planned June 1st event at Peckman Park (between Commerce Court and Brookside Terrace). Noella: Not present at the meeting. Adam will reach out to her to seek ideas for her input or article. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update next meeting.
	c) Sustainable Verona / Sarah update on Native Plant species lecture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates on Sustainable. Sarah described the SRO conditions and excellence of the presentation given by Deb Ellis of the Native Plant Society of New Jersey. She added that Native Species are finally becoming stylish, are more adaptive to our area, are deer resistant and are sought by many more residents than ever before. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates at each meeting.

Regular Meeting Minutes:
Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 7 p.m.
Via Internet Conferencing

	d) Junior Commissioners' Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trey: Discussed organizing a student-led cleanup near the Bloomfield Avenue Bridge. This includes creating a date and hours of the event and gathering a group of students (perhaps creating a flyer). Jess will supply garbage bags and contact DPW for pick up location of all refuse. ○ Noella: Not present at the meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No actions necessary. • Noella was absent from meeting.
	e) Earth Day Plant Sale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The plant sale closes Friday, 4/11/2025; we have received over \$10,000.00 in plant orders and nearly 800 plants. ○ Give-away is Saturday, 4/26/2025 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. VEC members will help by attending to give plants away. ○ Jess, Sarah, and Kelly will go during the week prior to help organize plants into order groupings. ○ Sean will bring scouts to help by getting organized orders from greenhouse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jess asks that everyone attempt to help at Hillcrest.
	f) 2025 Poster Contest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All received 46 posters from F.N. Brown; 15 from Forest Avenue, 2 from Brookdale, and none from Laning. As a result, two of the four prizes will be awarded to F.N. Brown Students. ○ The video is completed. ○ Jess will purchase gift cards in April and coordinate with Municipal Clerk Kiernan to organized the awards. ○ Awards Ceremony is scheduled for 5/5/2025 in Council Chambers at 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jess will contact Municipal Clerk Kiernan to ensure scheduling of the ceremony. • Asks that members make themselves available to attend the 5/5/2025 Council meeting for the awards ceremony.
5.	Ordinance Updates:	
	a) Tree Ordinance (Tabled until new updates) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Last update was in January 2025. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates when they are available.
6.	Plan Review:	
	a) Everett Field Updates: The Township revised plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be presented at the Town Council Meeting on 4/21/2025. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members are encouraged to attend meeting (virtual attendance makes it easy).
7.	New Business:	
	a) Cleanups and Future Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sunday 6/1/2025 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Peckman Park will be substituted for normal National Trails Day cleanup event. We can meet at the end of Brookside Terrace. ○ Members will help clear the way for the installation of a walking path by James Waugh for his Eagle Scout project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended for all members.
	b) New Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sarah and Kelly: Invasive Plant Walk; map and plan route. ○ Reminder to File your Financial Disclosure Statements before 4/30/2025. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans in the works
8.	Adjournment: 8:21 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next Meeting Wednesday, May 14, 2025. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via Internet Conference.

9.	Meeting Minutes Approved: 5/14/2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Jessica Pearson, Chair, Verona Environmental Commission	
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