

Sustainable Verona Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2026 at 7:00PM

1. CALL TO ORDER – Kerry Bass

a. Open Public Meeting Act Compliance Statement

2. ROLL CALL

Kerry Bass

Christine Liaukus

Rebecca Force-Delgado

Casey Sisco

Carol Thomas (STC)

Jack McEvoy (Town Council)

Jessica Pearson (Environmental Commission)

Anna Shea (virtual - guest)

Members not present:

Jami Bjornstad-Bal

Robert Prout

Dan Murray

3. ADOPTION OF DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES - Adopted

Ayes: Bass, Liaukus, Force-Delgado, Sisco

Nays: N/A

Abstain: N/A

4. REPORT OF MEMBER COMMITTEES

a. Environmental Commission

- Upcoming meeting on proposed apartment construction
- Presentation on 1/14 with NJ Future on age-friendly construction for seniors
- Anthony is new member of EC who will be a liaison for the Green Team and will be attending next month's meeting

b. Shade Tree Commission

- Deciding on future projects for greenhouse
- Continuing with tree planting project
 - Using GIS to keep inventory of what's already been planted
- Planning for Arbor Day event with schools that would function as an Earth Day event seeing as planting is going on at all 6 schools this year

c. Town Council

- Work on Everett Field has stalled with cold weather
- Grant awarded for streetscape project

5. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Still working on Instagram access

b. Partnership with Sustainable Jersey for Energy Efficiency – Residential/Commercial Updates

- Using grant money to run program
- One additional resident has signed up according to AirTable

c. Community Solar

- Part of our work for the Community Energy Plan
- New openings for community solar projects
- Presentation for Earth Day? Possibly sooner before openings fill up?

- Presentation will be a webinar
- d. Terracycle options
 - Use SV budget for shed to put at the Ozone dump with different Terracycle boxes
 - Possible Eagle Scout project to build a shed
 - Decide on best boxes to get (toothbrushes, batteries, etc.)
 - Research if there are alternative collection companies that offer similar services for cheaper
- e. Review SV Mission Statement for 2026
- f. SJ Certification Plans
 - Use an EnviSci capstone student to look over each action
 - Overshoot on actions because some won't get finished/won't be approved
 - Capstone won't be until May, so we'll get started on this ourselves before then
- g. Composting Grant
 - Applied last year and didn't get it
 - Plan to reapply this year
 - Create subcommittees to address different issues (energy, recycling)
 - Recycling subcommittee could work on this, terracycle
- 6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None
- 7. ADJOURNMENT at 8:23PM

Minutes authored/signed by:

/s/ Anna Shea

January 8, 2026