

Sustainable Verona Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2026 at 7:00PM

1. CALL TO ORDER - Kerry Bass

a. Open Public Meeting Act Compliance Statement

2. ROLL CALL

Kerry Bass

Christine Liaukus

Casey Sisko

Rebecca Force-Delgado

Carol Thomas (STC)

Anthony Triola (EC)

Steve Pope (guest)

Anna Shea (guest)

Melissa Lesko (guest)

Members not present:

Jami Bjornstad-Bal

Dan Murray

Jack McEvoy (Town Council)

Robert Prout

3. ADOPTION OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES - Adopted

Ayes: Bass, Liaukus, Sisko, Force-Delgado

Nays: N/A

Abstain N/A

4. REPORT OF MEMBER COMMITTEES

a. Environmental Commission

- Earth Day Clean-Up - 4/25
 - Exact location TBD, but will be around community center
- Upcoming library presentations on gardening
 - 3/24 - Meadow Scaping
 - 4/28 - Native Gardening 101
 - Both workshops will be led by master gardeners
- Possibility for webinar

b. Shade Tree Commission

- Community Forestry Management Plan draft is complete
- Project for 50 trees to be planted at the schools should be happening in April
- Portal for applying for a bed in community garden is open
- Earth Day event - sign up to pick up a tree from the library on 4/25

c. Town Council - Not present

- Jack is at West Orange Planning meeting and will be able to report back at next month's meeting

5. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Review Timeline for 2026 - Committees

- Committees to work via email outside of monthly meeting time to spread out workload
- Possible committees
 - Energy efficiency/community solar
 - Composting

- Recycling
 - Certification
 - b. Community Solar
 - Want to do webinar ASAP
 - 3/31 as possible date for this
 - Possible RFP for Solar Simplify to be Verona's preferred contractor
 - Kevin O'Sullivan is looking to see if a resolution is needed for RFP
 - c. Energy Efficiency / EAP
 - Anna working on gathering links on PSE&G program for Sustainable Verona's page on town website
 - d. Earth Day - Wednesday 4.22.26
 - Possibility for SV to get involved in Earth Day event at library
 - Kerry is going to reach out to library
 - e. Terracycle options
 - No updates
 - f. SJ Grant - Residential Compost
 - Grant request was submitted, now just waiting back to see if we get approved
 - g. VHS Scholarship
 - Christine usually reads essays, but has conflict of interest since she has a senior
 - Need to find new Green Team member to lead scholarship committee for the year
 - h. SJ Certification Plans
 - Applied to get capstone student to help with certification process
6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None
7. ADJOURNMENT at 8:16PM

Minutes authored/signed by:
/s/ Anna Shea
March 6, 2026