

## **Sustainable Verona Meeting Minutes**

### 9/6/23 Meeting

- Call to order - Kerry Bass
- Attendance taken
  - Dan Murray
  - Bob P.
  - Jami
  - Tom
  - Kerry
  - Christine L.
  - Jack (council liaison)
- Adoption of Meeting Minutes
- Shade Tree - have not met, no updates
- Town Council
  - Future goals - composting
- Recruitment – Secretary Duties
  - Elisa (public information officer) will repost flier
  - Have 3 open spots
- Solar Open House Oct 6 th -8 th
  - October 7 1:00 - 5:00 PM
  - Registered as a tour site on [nationalsolartour.org](http://nationalsolartour.org) through ASES
  - Can use ASES marketing materials (Bob P. has a few signs)
  - Add to social media and MyVerona (“Show off your solar panels”) - talk to Elisa
    - Put together a map, graphic arts
  - Have 2 residents, Holy Spirit, and Prout
    - Recommend to have a zoom for last minute questions
    - sign-in sheets
  - Community Solar
    - Arcadia manage community solar for several states - [NJcleanenergy.com](http://NJcleanenergy.com)  
→ Sustainable NJ site
    - Should have an educational forum (can we get this in time of the Solar Open House?)
- Kerry will resend out contacts, need to gain access to the website (check with Elisa and Steve)
- SJ Actions & Initiatives
  - Going for Silver (350 points)
  - Will send out list, people to volunteer what they want to go through, then people will go in and update on their own
  - We will submit in January - Jami and Kerry will review all info and submit
  - Will put the master spreadsheet on google drive
  - Fleet Inventory - recommend to get interns to go through the list - Jack and Tom will follow-up
  - Need to meet with Jessica from VEC to go through the actions
  - Shade Tree has started the actions
  - Digitizing public information - switch to PIO
  - Heat Island
    - light color roofs (argument to keep black for heating in the Winter - depends on zone to see what the tipping point is - Christine will double check what it is for our area)

- Trees were part of the original plan for the board of ed when installed the turf
  - Shade tree looking for a grant to plant trees around the turf field
  - Cooling strategies for turf - coconut shells, T-cool
  - Pilgrim - awnings for shade, utility incentive for the tenants
  - Need to talk to Jessica to get on the planning board agenda
- SV Public Info Sessions
  - Partner with the Library for education sessions (Dec-Feb)
    - Need to meet with Jessica this month
    - Need moderators for the presentations
    - Recycling, green building/passive house, composting
    - Java compost for municipal compost on the back-burner now that Steve has left
    - Combination of compost and cardboard - Jack reporting on \$500k of savings
    - Need a sealed off the ground tumbler
    - Recycling article (Reduce, reuse, recycle) - partner with VEC
- Delaware valley crash course - Tesla Vehicles trainings for First Responders (credit hours offered) - set for 9/23/23 10am - 1pm
  - Have about 60 people registered so far
  - Need council to allow them to use the microphones, projector is “spotty” - Jack will follow-up
  - Ballroom will be set like a classroom
  - Can record the class and put up on the Sustainable Verona Site - Jack will look into
- Valle Cemetery (1755) - 30 acres of woods in Parsippany
  - Natural burials
- ADJOURNMENT

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