



## Verona Environmental Commission

600 Bloomfield Avenue  
Verona, New Jersey 07044

**February 16, 2010**

**Verona Community Center, Conference Room, 880 Bloomfield Ave**

**Present:** Cinzia Cortese, Gerard Shimonaski, Virginia Citrano, Anthony Saltalamacchia

**Absent:** James Loudon, Tom Freeman, Gloria Machnowski

### AGENDA ITEMS

#### **I. Approval of the December minutes**

We could not approve because we did not have a quorum.

#### **II. Discussion on co-mingle recycling in HBW and VHS.**

Jerry reported that Superintendent Sampson supports recycling, but did not want more recycling containers. We discussed more individualized options, more recognition for the effort by custodians. Tony will investigate options for containers in public areas. We discussed ways to help kids empty liquids from bottles before they are discarded. Jerry will ask BoE to talk to Aramark about ways to partner on recycling.

#### **III. Discussions on other projects for the VEC to participate :**

\* **Composting in the Elementary schools:** We decided to do a pilot program at one school. Cinzia will explore interest at Forest; Virginia will check at Laning. Goal is to identify a teacher who could present a grant application to VFEE to get a Nature Mill.

\* **Fertilizer Ordinance:** We decided not to pursue this at this time.

\* **Steep Slope Ordinance:** Jerry will investigate whether it is possible to do this now that the master plan has been completed.

\* **Water Ordinance:** Jerry will investigate whether it is possible to do this now that the master plan has been completed. We discussed ways to use the Enviroscope as part of an outreach program to the third and fourth grades.

#### **IV. Discussion of the leadership of the VEC 2010/2011 (we did not get to this)**