



## Verona Environmental Commission

600 Bloomfield Avenue  
Verona, New Jersey 07044

### **March 16, 2010 MINUTES**

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

**Present: Gerard Shimonaski, Tom Freeman, Virginia Citrano, Anthony Saltalamacchia, Gloria Machnowski, Teena Schwartz, James Loudon**

**Absent: Cinzia Cortese,**

**Guest: Marjorie Williams**

#### AGENDA ITEMS

I. Gloria Machnowski shared with the Commission a sample fertilizer ordinance resolution. Marjorie Williams volunteered to investigate the cost of phosphate-free materials to landscapers.

II. December and February minutes were approved.

III. Anthony Saltalamacchia is still working with the HBW & VHS maintenance staff on implementing co-mingled recycling. Jerry Shimonski has investigated some small-profile containers that could be appropriate to use in the hallways.

IV. Discussions on other projects for the VEC to participate :

\*Gloria raised the way lunch room food waste at Forest. We discussed how we could celebrate these practices, create an educational programs. Gloria will work on creating a presentation.

\*Composting. Teena Schwartz discussed reviving competition to build creative composters in town. We discussed the possibility of buy Nature's Mill digesters for the elementary schools.

\*Marjorie Williams presented the possibility of having a Rutgers University rain garden in Verona. She will get information on cost and opportunity.

\* Earth Day: Gloria presented the possibility of having an Earth Day event at the town recycling center on April 24. It was suggested to move it April 17, and limit it from 9 a.m. to noon., no games. Jerry will see if we can give away some surplus recycling containers.

\**Newspaper articles: discussion tabled to April*

\**Ownership of website-Changing to Go Daddy: discussion tabled to April*

\**Walk to School /Poster Contest : discussion tabled to April*

\* We decided not to participate with Caldwell on its Green Fest in October.

All/ 20 minutes

V. Discussion of the leadership of the VEC 2010/2011

All / 10 minutes

VI. Discussion on inviting Jim Helb to our April meeting

- \* Discuss rewriting Recycling & Refuse Collection Schedule
- \* How we can help increase recycling by residents and store owners
- \* Possible use of our web site for information to residents