



Verona Environmental Commission

600 Bloomfield Avenue
Verona, New Jersey 07044

Minutes: November 16, 2010 - Verona Community Center.

Members: Cinzia Cortese, Gerard Shimonaski, Gloria Machnowski, James Loudon, Tom Freeman, Teena Schwartz, Virginia Citrano, Anthony Saltalamacchia, Tara Bratek, and Marjorie Williams

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. The last minutes were approved without any corrections
- II. Jerry explained that the School District was having problems with Ragonese, the School Districts Paper Recycler, since Ragonese did not pick up the paper on the agreed schedule and refuses to pick up cardboard. Nor has he responded to Paul McDevitt's request for pick up dates. Jerry told the members that he contacted "Recycle America" about handling the paper, cardboard and commingle at VHS and HBW. He and Paul McDevitt, the School Districts Facilities Director met with the representative from "Recycle America" and had him visit VHS and HBW. In a few weeks he would send a proposal to Paul McDevitt.
- III. Jerry told Tony that Joe Martin, the Township Manager would sponsor a field trip for the VHS and HBW Environmental Clubs to a field trip to either Covanta or Recycle America.
- IV. Several members suggested that Verona create a "Leave and Take" area at the Recycling Center. Jerry declined to do so based on the fact that residents are now going through the electronics left at the Recycling Center and Mike keeps out usable items and can be picked up by other residents.
- V. Jerry asked Gloria about the Treasured Trees of 2010. She took pictures of all three trees but the tree on Oakridge had no leaves. Jerry asked Gloria to post it on our web site. He asked Gloria of the status of the Fair in the Square. Gloria told Jerry he had to register for a table which he agreed to do. Gloria said we would have her games and ask Verona residents to sign up for a free recycling container if needed and our recycling pledge. Members signed up to be at the VEC's table.
- VI. Jerry told the members that Joe Martin had given him permission to place the students' "Idle Free Posters" under the current "No Idling" signs after lamination. The Township will have a "No Idling Ordinance" placed on the January Council agenda.