



Verona Environmental Commission

600 Bloomfield Avenue
Verona, New Jersey 07044

VEC Public Meeting at the Verona Community Center – May 15, 2013

Members present: Gloria Machnowski, Tom Freeman, Virginia Citrano, Anthony Saltalamacchia. Guest: Teena Schwartz. Started at 7:30 pm - Adjourned at 9:00 pm

MINUTES

I. Minutes for March 20th, 2013 were approved by attending members.

II. Our chairman will resign at the end of June. The VEC Vice Chairperson, Gloria Machnowski, will be the acting Chair until somebody is formally appointed. Tony Saltalamacchia will pick up correspondence and James Loudon will work on the plans' comments for the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment. VEC member Marjorie Williams resigned from the commission.

III. Last year Mr. Martin approved to plant an ornamental tree in the Community Center on the Spring of 2013 to commemorate the VEC 20's Anniversary. Gloria will find out when the tree will be planted and the plaque placed. Gloria will also inquire about when organic field maintenance is schedule to start in Linn Drive.

IV. Plans to switch to single stream recycling. VEC members suggested the following:

1. To have one weekly pick up for garbage (instead of the current 2) and one weekly pick up for single stream recyclables (which allows all household recyclables to be collected in the same container, making recycling convenient and easy).
2. To reduce the current White Goods/Metal/Bulk curbside collection from 3 days per month to one day per month. Many towns collect these items by appointment only.
3. To replace those 2 monthly White Goods/Metal/Bulk Items curbside collection days by corrugated cardboard collection (which has the highest revenue of \$100 per ton).

Regarding the Verona Recycling Depot, residents could be able to drop the current accepted items plus single stream recyclables. The VEC will prepare a report to be presented by Mr. Ryan to the Council.

VI. Steep Slope Ordinance. Members will provide Mr. Ryan with the draft to be presented it at the Council Meeting in August.

VII. Earth Day Clean up: Kerry and Gloria organized it at F.N. Brown and Brookdale Schools on April 14th and went well. The Township provided supplies and picked up the collected garbage and recyclable items.

VII. Update about the VEC letter to Mr. Helb and meeting regarding the new fields. Virginia mentioned that Mr. Helb addressed all the issues during his meeting with the VEC. Teena suggested to check on the Prisoner's Pond flooding and drainage issues.