

<b>Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Gloria Machnowski (Chairperson)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Yauch O'Farrell	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony "Tony" Saltalamacchia (Vice Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Ceccacci	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Pearson (Liaison to Planning Board)	<input type="checkbox"/> Michael Auteri (Alternate I)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean DiBartolo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Timothy Kiernan (Alternate II)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Martin Golan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor Kevin Ryan (Liaison from Town Council)	
	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>
1.	<b>Call to Order by Tony:</b> a) Open Public Meetings Act Statement made. b) Role Call performed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
2.	<b>Public Comment Period:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>MOTION to Open Public Comment Period</b> by Martin; seconded by Frank.</li> <li>No Public Comment. Period Closed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
3.	<b>Approval of November 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>MOTION to Approve</b> by Jessica; seconded by Sarah</li> <li><b>APPROVAL:</b> All Members Present AYE/Tim abstains (absence)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
4.	<b>Future Events:</b> a) NJ Tree Recovery Application was filed for Earth Day at Grove Park April 13, 2019 from 9 to 11 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sarah to Pick up Trees April 12, 2019.</li> <li>Further planning will follow</li> </ul>
5.	<b>Updates:</b> <b>a) ERI Presentation to the Planning Board update (Jessica):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The final report will include most of the VEC addendum, after cross referencing. Sarah suggest use of iNaturalist App for documentation help.</li> <li>Suggestion to report all endangered species sightings to DEP</li> <li>Sarah suggests use of INaturalist App for documentation of species</li> </ul> <b>b) Site Plan Review Ordinance/Tree Ordinance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mike DeCarlo reports Site Plan draft in Jan 2019.</li> <li>Matt Cavallo reports Tree draft in first Quarter 2019.</li> </ul> <b>c) VEC Plan Review (Sean/Jessica):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Kensington:</b> No further comments- after 3 to 4 resubmissions of Stormwater, site plans, etc. (Installation of detention basin was added to their Claremont Ave Parking area).</li> <li><b>100 Bloomfield Ave (Acura):</b> proposes 21-foot-high signage at Bloomfield Ave/Pompton Ave-VEC does not like appearance at Verona Township entrance and suggests it is not needed. However, if this application is approved the applicant could add rain garden.</li> <li><b>54 Oakridge Ave:</b> Stop work order issued after building permits allowed for entire build-out. Error in calculation on height and side-yard setback. VEC suggested drainage-oriented plantings, vegetation, trees to offset new impervious surfaces.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awaiting final draft to include tree inventory for Township.</li> <li>Final draft will help inform a Masterplan ReExamination.</li> <li>VEC will play a role in Masterplan Env. Section.</li> <li>Ordinance Drafts will be reviewed by VEC for further editing.</li> <li>All applications are being heard on Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at VCC in ballroom.</li> </ul>

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6.	<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <p><b>a) 2019 Community Development Block Grant</b> to enable buildout of <u>Rain Garden</u> at Community Center.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mike DeCarlo reports he is working on design for an “e” inlet and relying on Rutger’s Rain Garden plans submitted in Spring of 2018.</li> <li>○ The cost of installation may be covered by Township, but Commission will revisit applying for ANJEC Grant 2019 after discussion with Mike DeCarlo.</li> <li>○ <b>MOTION to Support Garden Installation</b> by Sean; seconded by Tony.</li> <li>○ <b>APPROVAL:</b> All Members Present AYE.</li> </ul> <p><b>b) Discussion on Citizens Climate Lobby in support of Resolution in favor of Carbon fees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ After brief review of the benefits of support, Tony makes a <b>MOTION to form Subcommittee to edit draft to send to Council</b> by Tony; seconded by Jessica.</li> <li>○ <b>APPROVAL:</b> All Members Present AYE.</li> <li>○ Draft will be voted on at January 2019 meeting for final submission to Council.</li> </ul> <p><b>c) Reorganization of Commission Operations and Duties</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tony will continue to formulate Meeting Agenda.</li> <li>○ Jessica will provide Meeting Minutes and continue social media activity, Planning Board membership, and Site Plan Review.</li> <li>○ Sean will email site plans for review to Commission, lead site plan review, provide help on agenda and minutes when needed.</li> <li>○ Tony asks to be included in Site Plan Review Committee for the time being.</li> <li>○ Frank agrees to attend Essex County EC meetings, awaiting Mayor Ryan’s update on whether Verona should officially join.</li> <li>○ Martin continues to attend all Essex County roundtable meetings to keep Verona active in surrounding community activity.</li> <li>○ Sarah to help with organization of future clean-ups and with outreach to community/schools/volunteerism.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Contact Mike DeCarlo for further understanding of funding/installation guidance and will inform VEC as to Grant Opportunities. [Sean/Jessica]</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Form sub-committee to review NJ Carbon Fee resolutions for submission and vote at VEC Meeting January 2019. Leaning towards Princeton Draft. [Jessica, Sarah and Tim]</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ask Matt Cavallo about whether Verona should become an official member of Essex County Environmental Commission. [Mayor Ryan]</li> <li>● It is assumed all members will attend our public meetings unless regrets are emailed. Regrets only should be submitted.</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p><b>Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>VCC meeting Room</b></p>