

<b>Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Pearson (Chair/Liaison to Planning Board) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Ceccacci (Sustainable Verona Liaison) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony "Tony" Saltalamacchia (Vice Chair) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Auteri <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean DiBartolo (Plan Review) <input type="checkbox"/> Timothy Kiernan (Alternate II) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Martin Golan <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor Kevin Ryan (Liaison from Town Council) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Yauch O'Farrell		
	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>
1.	<b>Call to Order by Jess:</b> a) Open Public Meetings Act Statement 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> Jess; <b>Second:</b> Sean.</li> <li><b>APPROVAL:</b> All Members Present AYE.</li> <li>Olivia Le Warn, the Watershed Ambassador for Watershed Management Area 4, was present.</li> <li>No Public Comment. Period Closed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>
3.	<b>Approval of January 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>MOTION to Approve:</b> Jess; <b>Second:</b> Tony.</li> <li><b>APPROVAL:</b> All Members Present AYE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sean will email approved minutes to Township Clerk Kiernan and Steve Neale.</li> </ul>
4	<b>Verona HS Outreach for more participation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jess had conference call with School Superintendent Dr. Dionisio and VHS Principal Cogdill 1/17/19 to expand Student participation with the VEC. Scheduling with students is difficult because they are vastly involved in sports and other extracurricular activities.</li> <li>VEC will extend invitation for students to attend our meetings- for further engagement, education and to experience how decisions are made, challenges, planning of projects etc.</li> <li>Schedule some activities with students at special weeknight hours to expand participation and accommodate their schedules.</li> <li><b>MOTION to expand HS participation/form new events for Students:</b> Frank; <b>Second:</b> Michael.</li> <li><b>APPROVAL:</b> All Members Present AYE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jess/Sarah will present to Marine Biology and Environ. Clubs.</li> <li>Sean and Michael will reach out to the Boy and Girl Scouts for their participation.</li> <li>Tony will reach out to OLL for their volunteerism.</li> <li>Each will poll students on sports and extracurricular schedules.</li> <li>Each should ask if those groups are willing to come to short weeknight events rather than Sat am events.</li> </ul>
5.	<b>Updates:</b> <b>a) Rain Garden Review:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sean Met with Mike DeCarlo, Chuck Molinaro, Tom Jacobsen and Steve Neale about plans and installation of the Rain Garden.</li> <li>Sean describes plans (provided by Rutgers) and Township's schedule according to CDBGrant, which will fund the project.</li> <li>Olivia mentions a Green Infrastructure workshop 3/19/19 in Montclair that may inform on the overall construction.</li> </ul> <b>b) Community Garden:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DeCarlo sent a rudimentary prospective plan for the Garden. It is sizeable. We think the community will love it.</li> <li>Steve Neale is the lead on this project and Frank, liaison to Sustainable Verona is keeping the VEC posted on new           </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sean will be the VEC point of contact on this project/Steve Neale and DeCarlo for Township.</li> <li>Update next meeting.</li> <li>Steve Neale will keep us updated on potential start date, which is thought to be later in the year. Funds will not be available until April 2019, so planting isn't</li> </ul>

	<p>information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sean and Frank drafted and sent their suggestions for changes on garden to Mike DeCarlo, adding a bike rack, smaller buffer trees, compost bin and fencing suggestions.</li> </ul>	<p>expected this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frank and Steve Neale are the points of contact on this project</li> <li>Update next meeting.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>c) Site Plan Review/Tree/ Stormwater Ordinances:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site Plan, Stormwater, among other Ordinance drafts sent to Sean and Jess and are currently under review.</li> <li>Jess and Sean are awaiting new drafts for incorporation of our comments and potential new state mandates.</li> <li>Jess re-sent our preferred draft of a Tree Ordinance to Mike DeCarlo 1/4/19. His review and comments have not been sent back as yet.</li> <li>Sean filled in members on new proposed stormwater regulations at the state level, which require green infrastructure.</li> <li>Sean also briefed members on the new Stormwater Utilities proposal at the state level that is likely to pass. Municipalities may adopt and form a stormwater utility entity to collect a new tax linked to impervious cover to pay for the maintenance of their infrastructure relative to stormwater systems and management of excessive runoff.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ordinance Drafts will be reviewed in an ongoing manner by VEC for further editing. Sean/Jess reviewing team.</li> <li>All comments will be forwarded to Mike DeCarlo for his review and hopefully to be incorporated into the Ordinance.</li> <li>Sean will incorporate our comments on the Stormwater Ordinance on a marked word doc to be emailed to Township Engineer Mike DeCarlo at a later date.</li> <li>Awaiting further response and updates from DeCarlo.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>d) VEC Plan Review Procedures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sean emailed ANJEC on their recommendation for proper and thorough plan reviews and approval procedures by Commissions</li> <li>ANJEC recommends to review the plan reviews made by the committee and vote on them at all meetings, regardless of whether the reviews had been submitted prior to the Commission's meeting.</li> <li>ANJEC recommends that in the case of major development plan review to potentially hold special meetings, which requires 48-hour advance notice.</li> <li><b>MOTION to adopt new Plan Review voting procedures in our regularly scheduled meetings and to adhere to ANJEC recommendations to form special meetings on major development plan review if necessary:</b> Jess; <b>Second:</b> Sean</li> <li><b>APPROVAL:</b> All members Present AYE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All plan reviews will be voted on even if the Plan Review Committee (PRC) submitted them to the appropriate Board.</li> <li>Major Development plan reviews may require a special meeting of the VEC.</li> <li>New review comments will show that the VEC's PRC authored the submitted comments in memo format on behalf of the VEC.</li> <li>All review comments will be voted upon whether they had been submitted prior to the meeting or not.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>e) Carbon Fee Resolution Discussion on Citizens Climate Lobby in support of Resolution in favor of Carbon fees:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jess sent Resolution to Mayor Ryan and Matt Cavallo</li> </ul> <p><b>No update as yet</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awaiting schedule from Manager Cavallo.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>f) VEC Organization follow up:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Webhosting vs. Verona Web Site: (Sean and Michael) contacted Steve Neale. Both Sean and Mike feel that the community will benefit more by seeking information on a complete website rather than just a page from the existing township website. Other members agree.</li> <li>Sarah has been posting on Facebook. Both Michael and Sarah are now editors. Steve Neale was added as Admin for compliance purposes.</li> <li>Mike has credentials for Twitter. Jess suggests that he starts posting or re-tweeting some apt tweets for the commission.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sean, Michael, Jess and Steve Neale will meet to discuss the continuance of a VEC website on 2/21/19.</li> <li>Jess adding Martin as Facebook editor.</li> <li>Frank points out that there is vast overlap on many projects (with Sust.Verona) and we should take advantage of our similar goals to meet objectives</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Instagram follow up: Suggest to hold off for now.</li> <li>○ Frank attended the 2/6/19 Sustainable Verona meeting and gave members an update.</li> </ul>	<p>for Silver Certification with the State.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Multi-town plastic bag ban ordinances are in the works. Tony will attend meeting at Town Hall on 2/19/19 and update us.</li> </ul>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Site Plan Review/Update</b>	
	<p><b>a) 106 Park Street:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1947 Single Fam. with preexisting hardship of non-compliant side yard set-back and preexisting overage of improved lot coverage. VEC PRC took no issue with the planned 2<sup>nd</sup> Story addition. PRC merely suggested native plantings, disconnect drain pipes and sustainable building products for build out.</li> <li>○ <b>MOTION to approve VEC PRC Memo for 106 Park Street:</b> Martin; <b>Second:</b> Michael.</li> <li>○ <b>APPROVAL:</b> All members present AYE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PRC memos sent to Kelly Lawrence.</li> <li>● Hearing is 2/14/19.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>b) 49 Gould Street</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Single Family home seeking a powder room off side where an exit is currently. The side yard set-back is only 6 feet now, but appears less. No trees will come down. No room exists for any plantings. VEC found more impervious surface than was shown on survey. Suggests resubmittal with accurate numbers and sustainable building products for build out.</li> <li>○ <b>MOTION to approve VEC PRC Review Comments for 49 Gould Street:</b> Jess; <b>Second:</b> Sean.</li> <li>○ <b>APPROVAL:</b> All members present AYE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Plan review was sent to Kelly Lawrence.</li> <li>● Hearing is 2/14/19</li> </ul>
	<p><b>c) Special Planning Board Meeting Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Three areas were considered by the Planning Board as meeting criteria for an “Area in Need of Redevelopment”.</li> <li>○ The TCI was voted as not meeting the criteria.</li> <li>○ Cameco and surrounding lots were voted as meeting the criteria.</li> <li>○ Bloomfield Ave behind Fells Road was voted as meeting the criteria.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The approved properties will be able to move forward with potential special overlay zoning allowing new specific uses and bulk regulations.</li> <li>● All plan reviews will be before the VEC and planning board.</li> </ul>
<b>7.</b>	<b>New Business</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jess polled VEC on interest in a perennial garden (as originally planned) on the frontage of Grove Park property. Members very interested.</li> <li>● Jess mentioned a potential Grove Park mosaic art installation. Members were more inclined to promote a garden on the site and keep the historic natural preserve unfettered with art.</li> <li>● Members were asked about a cleanup in Feb. or any Sunday in March and were not readily available to commit to it, citing weather issues. VEC’s first clean-up is in April at Grove Park to celebrate Earth Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Members express interest in pursuing Perennial Garden at Grove Park.</li> <li>● Jess will put together a list of perennials for Shade Tree and Manager review.</li> <li>● Jess will attend ANJEC workshop on 3/2/19 in Fair Lawn. Other members may attend.</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<b>Adjournment: Next meeting March 13, 2019 7 p.m.</b>	VCC meeting Room.