

<b>Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Pearson (Chair/Planning Board Liaison) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Auteri <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean DiBartolo (Vice Chair/Plan Review) <input type="checkbox"/> Kari Baureis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Martin Golan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuad Dahan (Alternate I) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Yauch O'Farrell <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christen Dietz (Alternate II) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Ceccacci (Sustainable Verona Liaison) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Ryan (Gov. Body Liaison)		
	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>
1.	<b>Call to Order by Jess</b> a) Open Public Meetings Act Statement b) Roll 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>No members of the public were present.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>
3.	<b>Approval of June 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>MOTION to Approve:</b> Jess; <b>Second:</b> Sean.</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 as well as upload to VEC web site.</li> </ul>
4.	<b>Updates:</b> <b>a) VEC Website update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The website is live and publicly posted.</li> <li>Traffic is relatively light according to the site stats and we expect that to pick up once some blog material is posted and shared on social media.</li> <li>Content for the blog/education page may be derived by gauging social media questions on environmental issues. This could be our springboard to draft articles, post photos galleries or make videos for engagement.</li> <li>Township recycling flyer, posted on our site, may be used for outreach and education. Idea to update the flyer was proposed to include the costs to the town (and taxpayer) for noncompliance with recycling protocols.</li> <li>Keep a log of addresses where obvious poor recycling practices are apparent. Address list to be sent to DPW.</li> <li>Mike suggests adding sections/headers to the education page to make it more navigable.</li> <li>We are still in the process of connecting a YouTube Channel to the site for embedding educational videos directly into the site.</li> <li>Mike will form a link to the Facebook account for the Events Page.</li> <li>Members are asked to provide content for the education web page.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mike is working on adding the Events page and will update sections on the education page as content is added.</li> <li>Sean will add recycling center video link to our disposal page</li> <li>Christen will create video on home recycling best practices.</li> <li>Jess will supply Christen with hours of operation of recycling center.</li> <li>Frank will reiterate information from a NYT article on recycling.</li> <li>Sean is sending us a link for the SDL website for future citizen scientist development.</li> <li>Members are asked to develop ideas and produce materials for the education blog.</li> <li>All submissions are to be sent to Sean, Mike or Jess for review and upload to the website.</li> <li>Mike will add a widget for bylines for those without publishing abilities.</li> <li>Mike will add a YouTube icon to the site.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kevin will find out the costs to the town for noncompliance with recycling protocols.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>b) Land Use Board Applications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Planning Board has a current application from the Montclair Country Club. No new documents have been received as yet however it is expected that this application will continue at the 7/23/2020 meeting.</li> <li>The Board of Adjustment has multiple applications on their agenda, but only one that is in progress: 21-25 Grove Avenue. They have adjourned to an August meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public will be able to watch and participate in these meetings.</li> <li>Meeting dates will be posted on the Township calendar on Verona's website.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>c) Pirhl Development at Cameco</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Township has passed the new zoning overlay for the affordable housing development of approximately 95 units on the former Poekel and Cameco sites.</li> <li>The Planning Board reviewed the zoning and found it to be consistent with the Master Plan.</li> <li>The conceptual plans were revealed at the Special Council Meeting on 6/29/2020. They show a large main building with 3 to 4 stories, two smaller buildings with 3 stories, recreational outdoor space, parking lots and the addition of two rain gardens.</li> <li>A Planning Board hearing on the site plans has been scheduled on 8/18/2020 at 6:30 p.m. via video conferencing. The public is encouraged to attend and participate.</li> <li>Site plan must be approved by September 2020.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No site plans have been submitted for review as yet.</li> <li>The VEC will be reviewing the plans upon receipt.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>d) Grove Park Garden</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The garden has been weeded and we are awaiting the delivery of mulch.</li> <li>The coated metal border is on site but has not been installed. Grass continues to spread into the garden.</li> <li>The heat wave is having an impact on some of the plants. One or two astilbes appear to have died. Jess asked Chuck to increase the watering to a daily schedule.</li> <li>Past VEC members had established a geocache in Grove Park that Sean has reestablished control over the geocaching account.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anyone who wants to help weed and help to maintain the garden can contact Jess.</li> <li>No other actions necessary.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>Ordinance Updates</b></p>	
	<p><b>a) Land Use Ordinance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No movement has occurred on the Land Use Ordinance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This ordinance is a work in progress.</li> <li>Jess will follow up with Manager Cavallo as to progress on this ordinance.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>b) Plastic Bag Ban</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Bag Ban is still on hold.</li> <li>It is not known when or if this ban may be introduced.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This ordinance is still under consideration for introduction.</li> <li>Research is underway to evaluate whether carry out bags may increase risk of Covid-19 transmission.</li> </ul>

6.	<b>New Business</b>	
	<b>a) Meeting date for November 2020</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The meeting date for our November meeting is being revised due to scheduling on Veterans Day.</li> <li>○ The new date is Tuesday 11/10/2020 at 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jess has emailed Township Clerk Jennifer Kiernan to request the date change. We are awaiting confirmation.</li> </ul>
	<b>b) Sustainable Verona Meeting updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kari provided the following updates via email:</li> <li>○ The organic garden requires a couple of ordinances to be passed concerning liability, responsibilities etc.</li> <li>○ Discussion continues on whether the township will participate in a composting program.</li> <li>○ Discussion on possible late fall cleanup (contingent on Covid)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Actions Necessary.</li> </ul>
	<b>c) Sean located a geocache page for the VEC and found one active geocache in Grove Park</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sean is monitoring the VEC Geocache status.</li> </ul>
7.	<b>Adjournment 8:36 p.m.          Next meeting Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7 p.m.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Via Internet Conference</li> </ul>