

Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)		
<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 checked="" 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"/> Christine McGrath (Gov. Body Liaison)	
	DISCUSSION	ACTION REQUIRED
1.	Call to Order by Jess a) Open Public Meetings Act Statement b) Roll Call performed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.
2.	Public Comment Period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No members of the public were present. Manager Matt Cavallo joined the meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.
3.	Approval of May 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOTION to Approve: Jess; Second: Sean. APPROVAL: All Members Present AYE. Abstentions: Sarah arrived after approval of the minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sean will email approved minutes to Township Clerk Kiernan and Steve Neale as well as upload to VEC web site.
4.	2020-2021 Meeting Date Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following meeting dates will be scheduled for the 2020-2021 year: 7/8/2020, No meeting in August, 9/16/2020, 10/14/2020, 11/11/2020, 12/9/2020, 1/13/2021, 2/10/2021, 3/10/2021, 4/14/2021, 5/12/2021, and 6/9/2021. Dates are subject to change and special meetings may be held with proper notice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sean will email this schedule to Township Clerk Kiernan and Steve Neale for publication. Mrs. Kiernan will confirm whether the 11/11/2020 (Veteran's Day) meeting needs to be revised.
5.	Updates:	
	a) Tree Seedling Giveaway Outcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As discussed at our last meeting, the possibility of seedling availability was pending and finally confirmed by the Forestry Department of the NJDEP. The window to confirm participation was narrow and we acted immediately. Jess and Steve Neale discussed methods to publicize and determined social media with a public signup sheet would be the most effective. Over 250 residents responded, the largest response to date. To accommodate social distancing, front door delivery was selected as our method of distribution. Jess, Sarah, Frank, Chloe and Lynette Mathewson tagged and bagged trees after they were delivered by DPW. Jess created four quadrants and formulated routes and delivery was carried out by Jess, Sarah, Frank, Kari, the Mathewson family and Councilman Ryan and Val Ryan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future tree giveaways should have a signup sheet for data retention. Jess will file a required report with the NJDEP Department of Forestry for their records.
	b) VEC Website Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike, Sean and Jess formed a shared google document to form a punch list for completing tasks leading to the launch. We are still in the process of connecting a YouTube Channel to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site is in the final phases before going live. Eventually, we will be asking members for articles, pictures, and informative posts for our

	<p>the site for embedding educational videos directly into the site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Final updates to made ASAP. ○ Mike will form a link to the Facebook account for the Events Page. 	<p>education page.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will send an email to all before the site goes live. ● Awaiting final approval to launch.
	<p>c) Land Use Board Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Planning Board has a current application from the Montclair Country Club. No new documents have been received as yet and it is not yet known if they will meet in June or adjourn to a July meeting. The Planning Board will meet on 6/25/2020 to consider a new Zoning Ordinance for the Cameco Zone. ○ 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 a July meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public will be able to watch and participate in these meetings. ● Meeting dates will be posted on the Township calendar on Verona's website.
	<p>d) Township purchase of Poekel Property</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Township has contracted to purchase the Poekel Property, a property that is adjacent to the Cameco site and consists of approximately 2.6 acres. ○ This purchase will enable the Township to add 10 more affordable housing units without the other 80 to 85 percent of market rate units (36), thereby reducing the overall number of units to be built. The project site will now have access to Lynn Drive directly with the property purchased. Additionally, there will be no retail component at this site. ○ The plans are in a conceptual phase until the purchase of the property has been approved by the Council. Site plan must be approved by September. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No site plans have been submitted for review as yet. ● The VEC will be reviewing the plans upon receipt. ● Sean will resend the VEC's 12/29/19 letter concerning the implementation of green infrastructure for Stormwater management as well as tree preservation at both the newly expanded Cameco/Poekel and the Spectrum sites.
	<p>e) Land Conservancy Contract for Open Space Guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Township has contracted with The Land Conservancy (TLC), the company who created Verona's Environmental Resource Inventory (ERI) in December 2018 for consultancy on acquisitions and management of open space. ○ The TLC are experts in land preservation open space and parks planning, flood plain acquisitions and grant preparation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Open Space Trust Fund Committee does not yet have enough applications to form a full committee. ● No actions necessary.
6.	<p>Ordinance Updates</p>	
	<p>a) Land Use Ordinance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Manager Cavallo and Zoning Administrator Mike DeCarlo are in the process of drafting a new Land Use Ordinance. ○ The ordinance will require major applications to submit plans electronically, which will aid in rapid file sharing to all land use and review board members. ○ It seeks to expand the timeline for all submissions on applications from 10 days to 25 days and expands the items necessary to form a "complete" application. ○ The list of submittal items must be fully met prior to scheduling on any land use board agenda. ○ Jess has requested that an Environmental Impact Analysis be included as a required item for all major applications to evaluate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This ordinance is a work in progress. ● Jess will follow up with Manager Cavallo when he is available.

	the preservation of existing natural resources of the site and areas or lots surrounding the development site.	
	<p>b) Plastic Bag Ban</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jess contacted Steve Neale as to the single use bag ban. ○ It is not known when or if this ban may be introduced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This ordinance is still under consideration for introduction. ● Research is underway to determine whether carry out bags may increase risk of Covid-19 transmission.
7.	New Business	
	<p>a) Essex County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020 Draft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Draft of Verona's Hazard Mitigation Plan is available to read: at https://www.essexsheriff.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Draft-Section-9.21-Township-of-Verona.pdf ○ This is a study of Verona's overall hazard vulnerabilities and mitigation plans. This includes vulnerabilities from weather events, infrastructural issues, staffing, power and backup performance, cost analyses and shortfalls, and ordinance updates to accommodate these pressing issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jess recommends that all members read this section and supply any comments at our July meeting. ● Sean emailed the link for this report to all Commissioners during our meeting.
	<p>b) Peaceful Rally at Verona Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A peaceful rally is scheduled at Verona Park this Saturday, June 13 at 1 p.m. ○ All attendees must wear face coverings and practice social distancing where practical and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wear a mask or face covering when visiting any park or recreation grounds.
	<p>c) ANJEC Zoom Webinar on Making Green Infrastructure & Functional Stormwater a Reality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sean attended the webinar on 6/3/2020. ○ The webinar covered approaches to Green Infrastructure practices and suggested that municipalities develop a Green Infrastructure Plan or Sustainability Masterplan that can be used to target areas in town that can be quickly focused on if and when funding becomes available. Stormwater utilities are fees tied to and collected based upon an impervious area. Those funds would be earmarked for local Stormwater upgrades and could be tied to a Green Infrastructure Plan. ○ The webinar also explored different ways for nonstructural controls and green infrastructure to be created in a municipality without relying upon utility fees. ○ Rain gardens, pervious pavers, new regulations and new requirements for new developments are included in these other methods. ○ Municipalities can also accommodate service projects for youth groups like boy or girl scouts that will alleviate Stormwater runoff in a particular area of a township. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sean would like to draft a list of ideas for money saving projects and methods of implementation to send to the Town Council for consideration.
	<p>d) Emerald Ash Borer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Frank pointed out that on a recent trip to Frenchtownm NJ, he noted an extensive amount of Ash trees that were removed due 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No Actions Necessary.

**Regular Meeting Minutes:
 Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 7 p.m.
 via Internet Conferencing**

	to the Emerald Ash Borer.	
	e) Sustainable Verona offering free Perennials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jess will email members the Sustainable Verona sign-up sheet.
8.	Adjournment 8:34 p.m. Next meeting Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 7 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via Internet Conference