

Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Pearson (Chair/Planning Board Liaison)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuad Dahan	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean DiBartolo (Vice Chair/Plan Review)	<input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Castillo (Alternate I/Plan Review)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sarah Yauch O'Farrell	<input type="checkbox"/> Brooke Berardo (Alternate II)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kari Baureis (Sustainable Verona Liaison)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Holland (Gov. Body Liaison)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Auteri		
	DISCUSSION	ACTION REQUIRED
1.	Call to Order by Jess: a) Open Public Meetings Act Statement b) Roll Call performed.	o None.
2.	Public Comment Period:	o No public members present.
3.	Approval of March 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOTION to Approve: Jess; Second: Sean. • APPROVAL: All Members Present AYE. • Abstentions: None 	o Sean will email approved minutes to Township Clerk Kiernan and Steve Neale.
4.	Updates:	
	a) Peckman River Damage/Flooding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Debris moving has been ongoing at the Peckman River. We are now able to move forward, under emergency circumstances, with certain clearance actions in the Peckman River. These actions will be taken within the next few weeks. o Need largescale planning and funding for bank stabilization. o Filed for bank stabilization permits. 	o Updates at next meeting
	b) Sustainable Verona/Green Fair (Kari) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sustainable Verona's meeting was cancelled for April. o The Green Fair was postponed and will be revisited in the Fall. o Kari is interested in speaking with the contracted pool vendor, Lakeside Deli, about recycling at the Verona Pool. 	o Updates at each meeting.
	c) Water Conservation (Fuad/Brooke/Mike) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mike is working towards uploading and designing this new information to our website. Mike is considering redesigning the website to make it more streamlined and easier to add new information over this coming summer. o Fuad continues to update the Township's usage chart. 	o Updates when they become available.
	d) School Outreach (Brooke/Jess) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Jess and Brooke met with VHS Science students on March 23 to describe their PSA projects. Mrs. Reisinger recorded our meeting so all students could access the assignment. 	o Jess and Brooke will work to link platforms. o Update at May meeting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The project will award each student or club member with two hours of community service. ○ Projects are due by May 9, 2022 and will be shared with us via a google drive file. ○ Brooke recommended that the VEC form an Instagram page for so that sharing of the projects could occur on multiple platforms. Jess formed the page and will work with Brooke to make sure that the platforms are properly linked for optimum results. 	
	<p>e) Stormwater Webinar (Tabled)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sean will be preparing a Stormwater webinar for later this year. ○ The webinar will cover the state rules vs. Verona's more strict rules, how this protects the town and properties. ○ It will also cover examples of green infrastructure and how we can install these measures in our own yards to provide more flood protections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Follow up at when more information becomes available.
	<p>f) Tree Giveaway/Earth Day Cleanup Event at Grove Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jess ordered 300 tree seedlings for our annual giveaway at Grove Park ○ The event is scheduled for Saturday, 4/23/2022, from 9 to 11 a.m. DPW will pick up the trees and drop them at Jess's house on Thursday 4/21/2022. ○ Mike has formed a flyer and Jess has shared it on Facebook and Instagram with links to the signup sheet and reservation forms. ○ The cleanup will include a cleanup of the woods and a quick garden cleanup/weeding. ○ Jess will ask DPW to mulch the garden after the event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jess asks for volunteers to help with tree distribution. ○ Mike offered to help bundle trees and will be present for the giveaway event to help distribute them to the public.
	<p>g) ECEC Roundtable (Sarah/Jess)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Roundtable event was held on 4/4/2022 and focused upon gas-powered landscaping equipment. ○ Advocates for Transforming Landscaping (ATL-NJ) members Peter Holm and Lois Kraus lead the discussion which described the health effects and noise issues relating to gas-powered leaf blower (GLBs). ○ There is current proposed legislation in both the Senate and Assembly that would act to restrict or ban gas powered equipment. ○ Maplewood Committee Woman Nancy Adams, who has been serving since 2015, has lead Maplewood in restricting GLB's. On Tuesday 4/5/2022, they passed a total year-round ban of all GLB's on first reading. ○ Ann Marchioni of the Caldwell EC suggested that towns pass summer only (June, July, August) restrictions to start. ○ Stephanie Bricken of Spring Lake said they have begun a voluntary quiet July and August initiative which was sent out with their water bill. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VEC may consider revising recommendations to the Council for a summer only restriction on commercially delivered services using GLBs.

6.	<p>Ordinance Updates</p> <p>a) RSIS Resolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jess and Sean sent a letter of recommendation to the Council urging the passage of a resolution to allow Municipalities to pass stronger stormwater ordinances that would apply to residential development. ○ The VEC has already passed a similar resolution at its February Meeting. ○ The Council briefly discussed this issue, and the resolution will be placed on the 4/25/2022 Council Agenda. <p>b) Planting Recommendations and Invasive Species Ordinance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Verona Planning Board voted to recommend an update to the Zoning Code Chapter 150-11.7, regarding a new list of recommended plantings. ○ Millburn Township Forester, Thomas Doty reviewed the list and made recommendations which were adopted into the draft. ○ The Council discussed this issue in new business; however, it was determined that continued discussion would occur at the 4/25/2022 meeting. <p>c) Mini Cell Towers: (Tabled)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending introduction. <p>d) Tree Ordinance Updates: (Tabled)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending introduction for discussion in new business by the Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updates as they become available. ○ Updates as they become available. ○ Updates as they become available. ○ Updates as they become available.
7.	<p>Plan Review</p> <p>a) 86 Durrell Street Subdivision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The applicants propose to divide a 100-foot wide property into two non-conforming 50-foot-wide properties in an R-70 zone. ○ The proposed impervious coverage on the developed lot will be 44.4% when 35% is the maximum allowable. Additionally, each lot is required to contain 8,400 ft² of area and each is proposed to contain 7,500 ft². ○ No stormwater mitigation has been proposed for the newly created developed lot. ○ Large trees were removed from the proposed undeveloped lot, and the PRC inquired about the proper tree permitting process. ○ MOTION to approve VEC PRC Memo 86 Durrell Street Subdivision: Sean; Second: Fuad; ○ Abstentions: None. ○ APPROVAL: All other Members Present AYE. <p>b) 756 Bloomfield Avenue (Tabled due to lack of quorum)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VEC PRC memo was emailed to the appropriate Board Secretary prior to this meeting. ○ Added to next meeting agenda.

**Regular Meeting Minutes:
 Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 7 p.m.
 Via Internet Conferencing**

7.	New Business	
	a) VEC Cleanup at the Peckman River <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The VEC celebrates National Trails Day at our annual cleanup event at the Peckman River on the first Saturday of June: 6/4/2022. ○ Jess will work with Sean for a signup sheet and Mike for a flyer to prepare for this event. ○ Email polling for cleanups before end of April. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Further discussion at our May meeting. ○ Discuss possible cleanups at the West Essex Trail w/ CG 5/21/2022 and Park Place, 7/16/2022.
8.	Adjournment: 8:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next Meeting Wednesday, May 11, at 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Via Internet Conference.