

Meeting Minutes:

Attendees:

Kerry Bass
Carol Thomas
Dan Murray
Jack McEvoy
Christing Liaukus

Public Member:

Paul Petrangeli

VEC: has released their own Newsletter. Earth Day events planned for April 20th. (Cleanup & Seedling Giveaway)

STC: Arbor Day event planned for April 27th, will be planting 2 trees at Liberty Field. Submitted SJ Grant for the Community Garden for \$10k. Will be announced in May. New section would open in May. SJ Sustainable Schools received \$2k in grant \$.

Town Council: last few meetings have been focused on budget

SV:

Silver Certification – submitted for 255 points in the first round. Thank you to all and Jami for meeting at the library to review and work through the list. Elisa (PIO) has a couple actions she's working on. Kerry will work on the Waste Management actions & Energy actions with town contacts. If help is needed Kerry will reach out. Working to have the rest of the actions completed for the next round on May 10th.

Recycling Webinar – SV is partnering with VEC to hold a Recycling Webinar to cover all things recycling for Verona residents. To be held virtually on 3/20 @ 7p. Christine L. to reach out to VHS to see if some students can attend for extra credit.

Recycling discussion:

- 1- Carol T. mentioned that she sees contamination regularly at the Recycling Depot. Can better signage help?
- 2- Is there anywhere that Styrofoam can be taken, including coolers?
- 3- Verona's garbage is incinerated. Christine L. mentioned a documentary called The Sacrifice Zone which covers ironbound section in Newark.

Energy Efficiency Presentation – Christine is scheduled to speak at the library on Saturday, April 20th at 3pm.

Verona is also applying to the Sustainable Jersey PSE&G Partnership Program for Energy Efficiency. This program requires municipal resolution, met with Kevin. Track 1: Goal is to see if we can get some materials from SJ for the April 20th talk, then utilize all of the resources from the program to expand the residential outreach.

MSU Green Team / Turf Study – Kerry has had some email discussions with the PSE&G Sustainability Institute that runs this program regarding Verona's application. This looks promising.

EV – the team discussed holding an Electric Vehicle Fair during National Drive Electric Week (9/27-10/6). It was suggested that Verona dealerships that sell electric be included. Also potentially an electric Food Truck.

Public Comments:

Paul P. gave some feedback on the tree planting for Derwent. Paul also suggested some types of enforcement for recycling. Paul talked about artificial turf (he sees the issues with it), and for SV to be aware of showing bias for a study.