

CALL TO ORDER – Kerry Bass

a) Open Public Meeting Act Compliance Statement

2) ROLL CALL

- Kerry Bass
- Christine Liaukus
- Dan Murray
- Jessica Pearson (VSC Liaison)
- Carol Thomas (STC Liaison)
- Jack McEvoy (TC Liaison)
- Bob Prout

3) ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES

- Adopted

4) REPORTS OF MEMBER COMMITTEES

a) Environmental Commission

- All actions submitted for Silver Certification
- NJ Pact Real Act under review with NJDEP – VEC will be reviewing
- We discussed the possibility of rain gardens (education & funding) – rain gardens are designed to hold water until rain subsides

b) Shade Tree Commission

- 2024 town-wide windshield survey complete (Arborist drives through town & notes declining trees) – will inform priority work
- Project to remove & replace dangerous trees (~30) – town property only – reconcile with existing list (generated by DPW / residents / etc.)
- Currently in process of addressing the list & prioritizing
- Community Garden is thriving, pavers going in this month

c) Town Council

- Everett Field has a new plan still in review, will update snack bar & facilities
- West Orange development – We Care group involved, there are concerns with waste treatment, runoff, wetlands, etc.

5) NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) SJ Actions – Silver Certification submitted 7/31, will find out in September

c) PSE&G Partnership Program for Energy Efficiency

- Next meeting scheduled for 8/14 – Kerry & Christine working on project plan
- BPU grant funding to perform energy audits on all municipal buildings

d) MSU/PSEG Sustainability Institute – Green Team

- 8/5/24 – The Green Team presented to the Town Council and it was very well-received
- Next steps are to look into how to properly construct a natural grass field that yields the same playing hours

e) Organic Field Management Assistance for 2 town fields – pushed out to 2025

f) EVs – National Drive Electric Week (Gateway Group assistance) / Solar Tour

- Oct 5 - planning EV event at the Verona Pool parking lot as part of National Drive Electric Week (suggestion to include the Tesla Association)
- Kerry organizing with Elisa, will have DJ & food vendors

6) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

7) ADJOURNMENT