

Regular Meeting Minutes:
Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at 7 p.m.
Via Internet Conferencing

Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)		
☒ Jessica Pearson (Chair/Planning Board Liaison)	☒ Adam Bulger	
☒ Sean DiBartolo (Vice Chair/Plan Review)	☒ Kelly Peña	
☒ Sarah Yauch O'Farrell	☐ Open Seat (Alternate I)	
☐ Fuad Dahan	☒ Jean Deo (Alternate II)	
☐ Walter Steinmann	☐ Christopher Tamburro (Gov. Body Liaison)	
	DISCUSSION	ACTION REQUIRED
1.	Call to Order by Jess: a) Open Public Meetings Act Statement. b) Roll Call performed.	• None.
2.	Public Comment Period:	• None.
3.	Approval of June 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes: • MOTION to Approve: Sarah; Second: Kelly. • APPROVAL: All Members Present, AYE. • Abstentions: None.	• Sean will email approved minutes to Township Clerk Kiernan and Public Information Officer Northrop and post them to the VEC website.
4.	Updates:	
	a) Peckman Kiosk Plans ○ Suggestion to use the large poster board as a backdrop to smaller, seasonal updates with a few permanent printouts for the kiosk. ○ Jess, Walter, and Sean still need to meet to discuss content and design.	• Lock replacement awaiting further discussion. • Meetings should occur for layout and content between Sean, Walter, and Jess.
	b) Newsletter Update: ○ Fall Newsletter planning: Weed of the week; pictures of wildlife in our neighborhoods; Sarah O'Farrell article ○ If the Summer native/Invasive tour comes together, we should cover that as well. ○ Deadline for submission to Township should be early October.	• Update next meeting September.
	c) Sustainable Verona ○ Ciel energy audits are ongoing, and residents are encouraged to have their home audited for energy efficiency. Cost is \$50.00 and the audits take about 4 hours. ○ Jessica mentions that they have had the assessment and have signed a contract for some home improvements. The pricing for additional insulation and minor other upgrades was very reasonable.	• Updates as available.
	d) Junior Commissioners' Update ○ Trey: Jess and Sarah walked a couple of sites for assessment for a Jr. Commissioner-led cleanup. The trail head at the top of Arnold way was pretty neat and well-kept (except for invasive species and poison ivy). ○ A better site for garbage was found to be at the end of Park Place. ○ Trey was not present.	• Updates as available.

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	e) Vest Attire ○ Jess and Sarah sent out an email to members with pics of a vest that can be produced with our logo. ○ Members discussed moving forward with a purchase order.	• Jess will move forward with purchase order.
	f) Boy Scout Event: ○ We will meet at 10 a.m. at the end of Brookside Terrace. ○ Jess will create a post for sharing on Social Media (post to include our work with James Waugh on his Eagle Scout project). ○ Discussion on other details.	• Sarah and Kelly will discuss potential for invasive/native walk for a future event.
5.	Ordinance Updates	
	a) Tree Ordinance (Tabled until new updates) ○ Last update was in January 2025.	• Updates when they are available.
6.	Plan Review	
	NONE	• No action.
7.	New Business	
	a) Cleanups and Future Events ○ Wednesday, 7/23/2025 ANJEC on Turf ○ Glen Ridge is having a native garden tour on Sunday, 7/13/2025 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. ○ Wednesday, 7/16/2025, from 5 to 8 p.m. tour of meadow and native garden.	• Recommended for all members.
	b) New Business: ○ None.	• No action.
8.	Adjournment: 7:50 p.m. ○ Next Meeting Wednesday, September 10, 2025.	• Via Internet Conference.
9.	Meeting Minutes Approved: 9/10/2025. ○ Jessica Pearson, Chair, Verona Environmental Commission	• Sean will upload approved minutes to VEC website and forward to Verona's PIO.