

Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Pearson (Chair/Planning Board Liaison)	<input type="checkbox"/> Adam Bulger	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sean DiBartolo (Vice Chair/Plan Review)	<input type="checkbox"/> OPEN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Yauch O'Farrell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly DiGeronimo (Alternate I)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fuad Dahan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Deo (Alternate II)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Steinmann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christopher Tamburro (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"> None
3.	Approval of October 8, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOTION to Approve: Sarah; Second: Jean. APPROVAL: All Members Present, AYE. ABSTENTIONS: None. 	<ul style="list-style-type: 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 (Tabled until action is undertaken): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jess, Walter, and Sean still need to meet to discuss content and design. Walter cut the plexiglass doors to be able to lock the front the kiosk and suggests a regular combination lock at the front bottom to secure any displays. Additionally, he suggests that we screw the back area shut as open and close functionality will not be needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lock replacement awaiting further discussion. Awaiting meeting schedule.
	b) Newsletter Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Newsletter was meant to give a broad year-in-review taken from the Annual Report. Jess will share the latest updated annual report soon. Suggestion: Announce the Great Annual Bird Count 2/13 to 2/16/2026. Free pics of local birds. Most environmentally-friendly ice melting products for people and dogs (ashes from fireplace) Walter will submit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jess to work with Sean and Adam on finalizing information. Should go out in early January.
	c) Sustainable Verona: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued discussion on energy audits for homeowners and businesses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates as available.
	d) Junior Commissioner Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trey: Absent. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates at every meeting.
	e) Vest Attire: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members have to go to Academy Apparel to try on vests for appropriate sizing prior to any order being placed. Members should email Jessica their size ASAP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jess will move forward with purchase order once she receives size preferences from members.

	<p>f) WeCare NJ update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning Board meetings continue; was supposed to allow for public comment at the 10/29/2025 meeting which was canceled in lieu of further testimony from the Board Engineer and the Board Planner. ○ A meeting was held on 11/10/2025, at which the Township presented a new engineer from their consultant, CME, who testified on ground stability, and missing data from the Applicant. ○ The cross examination from WeCare’s attorney, Bruce Afran, was intense and revealed that many of the steps that should be taken to ensure slope stability had yet to be taken by the Applicant. ○ The next meeting will occur on Wednesday 10/3/2025, at 6 p.m. (although other business will occur for the first hour or so). After, the township engineer will continue with testimony based upon newly reviewed documents from the Applicant and will undergo further cross examination and questions from the public. It is NOT yet known whether there will be time for public comment at this 12/3/2025 meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they are available.
	<p>g) Junior Commissioner Program 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Applications forms were revised by Jean to be less repetitive. ○ The Program Description document was revised by Kelly to be more user-friendly and streamlined. ○ Kelly took both documents and distributed them throughout the VHS science classrooms for 9th through 11th grades. She adds that there are already four interested candidates. ○ Due date for applications is 12/1/2025. We will review and choose candidates at our 12/10/2025 meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jess will forward all applications to Commissioners after 12/1/2025. • Commissioners will come to 12/10/2025 meeting prepared with top choices for the candidates.
5.	Ordinance Updates	
	a) Tree Ordinance (Tabled until new updates)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates when they are available.
6.	Plan Review	
	a) None.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No actions.
7.	New Business	
	<p>a) Reorganization and review of Standing Rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Standing rules reviewed and minor updates added, dates for review changes. ○ MOTION to approve and adopt amended Standing Rules 2025: Walter; Second: Jessica. ○ APPROVAL: All other Members Present AYE. ○ ABSTENTIONS: None. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Rules should be maintained on file by all members.
	<p>b) Schedule of Meeting Dates for 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting dates are as follows: 1/14; 2/11; 3/11; 4/8; 5/5 (Tuesday); 6/10; 7/8; No meeting August; 9/9; 10/6 (Tuesday); 11/11 (Veteran’s Day); 12/9. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.

	<p>c) Nomination and Selection of Chair for 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is statutory that the Mayor appoints the Chairperson of the Environmental Commission. ○ The VEC votes internally for the expressed purpose of finding consensus to inform the Mayor prior to making their determination of these appointments. ○ Nominations were sought and Sarah nominated Jessica. ○ Chairperson asks for other nominations. None are heard. Jessica accepts the nomination. ○ MOTION to Elect/Recommend Jessica Pearson as Chair for 2026: Sarah; Second: Walter. ○ APPROVAL: All other Members Present AYE. ○ ABSTENTIONS: None. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean and Jessica will send the VEC's recommendation to the Township Clerk, Mayor and Council • The Council will be reviewing rosters during one of their January meetings.
	<p>d) Nomination and Selection of Vice Chair for 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nominations were sought. ○ Jessica nominates Sean DiBartolo as Vice Chair for 2026. ○ Chairperson asks for other nominations. None are heard. Sean, who was absent from the meeting, had told Commissioners that if he was nominated, he would accept the nomination. ○ MOTION to Elect Sean DiBartolo as Vice Chair for 2026: Jessica; Second: Jean. ○ APPROVAL: All other Members Present AYE. ○ ABSTENTIONS: None. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
	<p>e) Naming Webmaster, Social Media and SV Liaison 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MOTION to name Sean DiBartolo as Webmaster for 2026: Jessica, Second: Sarah ○ APPROVAL: All other members present ○ MOTION to name Sarah O'Farrell as Social Media Lead for 2026: Jessica, Second: Walter ○ APPROVAL: All other members present ○ Tabled: naming of Sustainable Verona Liaison for 2026. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
	<p>f) Reminder for expiring members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sean and Jean have already emailed Jennifer Kiernan regarding being reappointed for another term to the VEC. Sean and Jean's reappointment would be from 1/1/2026 to 12/31/2028 (3-year term). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None; awaiting council appointments.
8.	<p>Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next Meeting Wednesday, December 10, 2025. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via Internet Conference.
9.	<p>Meeting Minutes Approved: 12/10/2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jessica Pearson, Chair, Verona Environmental Commission 	