

<b>Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Pearson (Chair/Planning Board Liaison)	<input type="checkbox"/> Adam Bulger	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean DiBartolo (Vice Chair/Plan Review)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Peña	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Yauch O'Farrell	<input type="checkbox"/> Philip Beaulac (Alternate I)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuad Dahan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christopher Tamburro (Gov. Body Liaison)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Steinmann	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant Seat (Alternate II)	
	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>
1.	<b>Call to Order by Jess:</b> a) Open Public Meetings Act Statement. b) Roll Call performed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>
2.	<b>Public Comment Period:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Public Comments</li> </ul>
3.	<b>Approval of October 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>MOTION to Approve:</b> Sean; <b>Second:</b> Sarah</li> <li><b>APPROVAL:</b> All Members Present AYE.</li> <li><b>Abstentions:</b> None</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sean will email approved minutes to Township Clerk Kiernan and Public Information Officer Northrop and post them to the VEC website.</li> </ul>
4.	<b>Updates:</b>	
	<b>a) Peckman Kiosk Plans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jess, Walter and Sean still need to meet to discuss content and design.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lock replacement underway</li> <li>Meetings should occur for layout and content between Sean, Walter and Jess.</li> </ul>
	<b>b) Newsletter: Winter 2024-25 focus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sean suggested that the Winter edition include annual report information and will recap report for Jess to integrate into design.</li> <li>Jan 2025 release is planned.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates as they become available.</li> <li>Talk Elisa about January release date.</li> </ul>
	<b>c) Sustainable Verona</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Silver Certification was gained</li> <li>The EV Fair was a great success.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates at each meeting.</li> </ul>
	<b>d) Junior Commissioners</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nia: Met with Jess and project required some consolidation and simplification. Slide show required some editing and cuts.</li> <li>Cece: No dry-run scheduled yet.</li> <li>Presentations were scheduled for 12/9/2024 in Council Chambers at 7 pm.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jess and other members may review the presentations to help with suggestions and tips for the Jr. Commissioners.</li> </ul>
	<b>e) Jr. Commissioner Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jess will send the VHS school Administration applications.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jess has spoken about the program with both Sarah and Walter. There are a few issues that have arisen including a lack of participation by VEC members chosen to undertake mentoring, and the lack of structure surrounding the project</li> <li>○ Sarah suggested simplifying the project portion by having Jr Commissioners draft articles for the newsletter throughout the year, which would or could showcase their particular interest in environmentally local issues. As well, that they help with the organization and management of events.</li> <li>○ Walter agreed that there is likely too much on a student's agenda to have a final project and would be better to have more manageable participation throughout the year.</li> <li>○ Jessica has to get the information out to the schools tomorrow if we are to proceed with the program for the 2025 year and discusses the participation of commissioners for mentoring help.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>f) Everett Field Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No updates to report.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates when they become available.</li> </ul>
5.	<b>Ordinance Updates</b>	
	<p><b>a) Verona Stormwater Ordinance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Passed through the planning board with no findings of inconsistency with the Master Plan.</li> <li>○ 2<sup>nd</sup> reading occurred and the Ordinance passed 5-0.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates as they become available.</li> </ul>
	<b>b) Committee Meeting Attendance Ordinance- Tabled</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates</li> </ul>
6.	<b>Plan Review</b>	
	<p><b>a) 110 Linden Avenue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Applicant installed patio, which exceeds allowable improved lot coverage by about 14% and removed trees without permits.</li> <li>○ VEC PRC recommended stormwater mitigation and removal of a portion of the walkways or patio.</li> <li>○ Recommends planting replacement trees or mitigation through equivalent payments the Tree Fund.</li> </ul> <p><b>MOTION to approve VEC PRC for 110 Linden Avenue:</b> Walter;  <b>Second:</b> Fuad.  <b>APPROVAL:</b> All other Members Present AYE.  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> None.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VEC PRC memo was emailed to the appropriate Board prior to this meeting.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>b) 29 Otsego Road</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Applicant seeks to install fencing on a corner lot, where a dogwood tree and shrubs currently exist.</li> <li>○ Plans did not specify removal of tree or shrubs, however, the PRC recommended clarification from the applicant as to the plans surrounding them both.</li> </ul> <p><b>MOTION to approve VEC PRC for 29 Otsego Road:</b> Sarah; <b>Second:</b> Jess.  <b>APPROVAL:</b> All other Members Present AYE.  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> None.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VEC PRC memo was emailed to the appropriate Board prior to this meeting.</li> </ul>

**Regular Meeting Minutes:  
Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 7 p.m.  
Via Internet Conferencing**

	<p><b>c) 45 Woodland Avenue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Applicant seeks installation of a pool, patios and a front porch which, taken together, exceed the allowable total improved lot coverage; a proposed addition of 1,237 sf<sup>2</sup>.</li> <li>○ Applicant proposed to install a drywell that seems to be undersized to mitigate the required amount of runoff. Recommend engineer review of the calculation for compliance.</li> <li>○ Applicant proposes to remove a tree in the back corner of the lot which does not appear to impede the installation of any of the proposed improvements. Recommend appropriate replacement values be applied for mitigation on site.</li> </ul> <p><b>MOTION to approve VEC PRC for 45 Woodland Avenue:</b> Sarah; <b>Second:</b> Walter. <b>APPROVAL:</b> All other Members Present AYE. <b>ABSTAIN:</b> None.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VEC PRC memo was emailed to the appropriate Board prior to this meeting.</li> </ul>
	<b>d) 95 Harrison Avenue: Tabled</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VEC will review next month.</li> </ul>
7.	<b>New Business</b>	
	<p><b>a) Cleanup: Park Place Woods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Saturday, 11/16/2024 from 9-11 am</li> <li>○ Nia has posted the event in the schools to get more student involvement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members are encouraged to attend.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>b) Reminder: Junior Commissioner Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Monday, December 9, 2024 at 7 p.m. Council Chambers</li> <li>○ Jess will send invitations to Council, BOE, Township Administration, VHS Administration, science teachers, VEC members and Sustainable Verona.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members are encouraged to attend.</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>Adjournment: 8:21 p.m.</b> <b>Next Meeting Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 8:51 p.m.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Via Internet Conference.</li> </ul>
9.	<p><b>Meeting Minutes Approved: 12/11/2024.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Jessica Pearson, Chair, Verona Environmental Commission</b></li> </ul>	