

**MINUTES OF THE  
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, September 5, 2019  
Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, NJ**

**CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

The regular meeting of the Mendham Borough ECOSST was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and the open public meeting statement was read into the record.

**OPENING STATEMENT**

Notice of this meeting was published in the *Star Ledger* and the *Daily Record* on in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and was posted on the bulletin board of the Phoenix House.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Cascais	Present	Ms. Mundy	Present
Ms. Golier	Absent	Ms. Gill	Present
Mr. Arena	Present	Mr. Castiglione	Present
Mr. Sprandel	Present	Mr. Nicolson	Absent
Ms. Barber	Present	Mr. Pace	Present

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**MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Castiglione, seconded by Ms. Mundy and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting, as written. On a voice vote the motion carried.

**DISCUSSION**

- **Open Space:**
  - Eric Arena updated the Committee on the Open Space Fund.
  - Email was sent to the property owner that was auctioning their property regarding Open Space and/or Farm Land Preservation
- **Environmental Commission:**
  - Ms. Barber stated that the group will be working on the Environmental Resource Inventory.
  - Ms. Mundy showed a map that the Township has and Mr. Arena asked that Public Outreach Group to work on something similar.
  - Mr. Cascais gave an update on a Planning Board application. Mr. Reilly asked that a checklist for review be made for reviewing applications.
- **Shade Tree**
  - Mr. Arena asked that the group research Ash Borer. Whether to treat or cut down.

## **OTHER DISCUSSIONS:**

Chris Neff, Head of Communications for the NJ Audubon, discussed the pictures he takes of the wildlife in Mendham Borough and what he does with the NJ Audubon. He pointed out grant opportunities and other programs through the NJ Audubon. Mr. Neff suggested using the website to educate the residents.

## **WORK GROUPS**

- 1) **OPEN SPACE/FARMLAND PRESERVATION** – Among other things this work group is going to focus on the potential Open Space in town, make a recommendation on whether or not to acquire any available land and formalize a plan on what can be farm land preserved and what should be Open Space.
  - o Dave Sprandel – LEAD
  - o Eric Arena
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- 2) **ENVIRONMENTAL**- This Work group will work on the Environmental issues we face as a town.
  - o Paula Barber - LEAD
  - o Marian Mundy
  - o James Castiglione
  - o Paul Cascais
- 3) **SHADE TREE** - The focus of this group is to implement and adjust the Shade Tree master plan for the town. This group will also ensure the borough continues to be a Shade tree recognized town.
  - o Dave Sharkey- Lead (temporarily)
  - o Laura Gill
  - o Richard Pace
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- 4) **SCOTT FARM** - The goal of this group is to create a use plan for the Scott farm, get the plan approved by the council and other governmental agencies and ensure the timely completion of the project.
  - o Eric Arena – Lead
  - o Paul Cascais
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- 5) **RECYCLING PROGRAM** – This team will look to incorporate the schools recycling efforts with the towns. In addition, they will be a resource for the council for all recycling needs and projects.
  - o Amy Golier- Lead
  - o Marian Mundy
  - o Laura Gill
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6) **PUBLIC OUTREACH** – The intent of this work group is to be the contact point for any public requests or service projects. This team will work closely with the organizations and individuals to make sure they have a good plan and the resources to complete their projects. Finally, this team will figure out ways to involve the community and local business in our projects.

- o James Castiglione - LEAD
- o Richard Pace
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7) **TRAILS** – Working with the County and neighboring towns this work group will focus on improving the current trails in town and attempt to create and implement the Mendham trail loop.

- o Brennan Reilly- LEAD
- o James Castiglione
- o David Sprandel
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8) **SPECIAL PROJECTS** –

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Cascais, seconded by Ms. Gill and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Smith*

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Land Use Coordinator