

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday October 6, 2025
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.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Arena	Present	Mr. Foerster	Absent
Ms. Mundy	Absent	Mr. D'Agostino	Present
Mr. Metzler	Present	Mr. Morris	Absent
Ms. Herrick	Present	Mr. D'Urso	Present
Mr. Tracy	Present		

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Metler, seconded by Mr. D'Urso and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt the Minutes of September 2, 2025, meeting as submitted.

ROLL CALL

In Favor: Mr. Arena, Mr. Metzler, Mr. D'Agostino, and Mr. D'Urso

Opposed:

Abstain: Ms. Herrick and Mr. Tracy

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Arena opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments on items not included on the agenda.

There being none, public comment was closed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Work Groups Reports
 - i. Open Space / Farmland Preserve
 - i) No Updates
 - ii. Environmental
 - i) Mr. Metzler noted that JLUB applications that were sent have not been reviewed yet.
 - iii. Shade Tree
 - i) Mr. Foerster sent a message that tree plantings are in progress. Mr. Arena noted that he and Mr. Foerster discussed the tree plantings at India Brook that Trout Unlimited will be undertaking.

PROJECT GROUP REPORT

- a. **Scott Farm**
 - i. Mr. Arena noted that there is an Open Space question on the ballot this year to allow the Open Space funds to be used for maintenance of properties purchased by Open Space monies.

- ii. Mr. Arena asked that an email be sent to the DPW to mow the field.
- b. **Recycling/Clean Communities Outreach Program/Publicity/Events**
 - i. No Updates
- c. **Service Projects (Scout Liaison)**
 - i. Mr. Arena stated that the kiosk was completed at India Brook, and benches, which were approved by Council, will be installed in the next couple of weeks.
 - ii. Mr. Metzler asked where the mystery Kiosks came from, and Mr. Arena stated that they were from the Girl Scouts.
- d. **Trails**
 - i. Ms. Herrick noted that she contacted the Scout, who previously attended the meeting, who wanted to help with a trails map for an Eagle Scout project, has not responded yet. Ms. Herrick stated that she will go ahead with the project herself. Mr. Metzler offered to help with the project.
 - ii. Mr. Arena noted that he has not received anything regarding the ANJEC grant that was applied for.
- e. **Borough Park Arboretum**
 - i. Ms. Smith stated that the path along the sidewalk was removed, and another portion will be removed due to the fiber optics that are underground.
- f. **Joint Land Use Board**
 - i. Mr. D'Urso stated that there is an upcoming application for a variance for a cell tower at the high school.
- g. **Council Updates**
 - i. No updates
- h. **India Brook**
 - i. Mr. Arena explained that:
 - i. Grass that was planted is coming up
 - ii. 140 trees and shrubs will be planted in the Fall
 - (1) The list of native trees/shrubs has been sent to Mr. Foerster.
 - (2) DPW will help dig holes for planting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Metzler, seconded by Ms. Herrick and unanimously carried to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Smith

Land Use Coordinator