

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 2, 2026
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. D'Agostino	Present
Mr. Tracy	Absent	Mr. Morris	Present
Mr. Metzler	Present	Mr. Morris	Absent
Ms. Herrick	Present	Mr. Verrengia	Present
Mr. Foerster	Present		

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Metzler, seconded by Mr. Morris and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt the Minutes of January 5, 2026, meeting as submitted.

ROLL CALL

In Favor: Mr. Arena, Mr. Metzler , Ms. Herrick, Mr. Foerster, and Mr. Morris

Opposed:

Abstain: Mr. D'Agostino and Mr. Verrengia

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.

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER ITEMS

- a. Mr. Peters and Mr. Bayard gave a summary of Phase III of the India Brook Restoration Project (see attached). Mr. Bayard noted that Trout Unlimited will not be asking for any funding from the Borough for the project.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Work Groups Reports
 - i. Open Space / Farmland Preserve
 - i) No Updates
 - ii. Environmental
 - i) No Updates
 - iii. Shade Tree
 - i) Mr. Foerster noted he is developing a street planting plan.

PROJECT GROUP REPORT

- a. **Scott Farm**
 - i. No Updates

- b. **Recycling/Clean Communities Outreach Program/Publicity/Events**
 - i. Styrofoam event on 1/3/26 at the Borough DPW collected 104 bags of Styrofoam and 66 coolers. Mr. Arena noted that there were 45 Borough residents and 43 Township residents that dropped off items.
- c. **Service Projects (Scout Liaison)**
 - i. Mr. Morris noted that Mr. Foerster will be honored on March 4th for the Good Scout Award.
- d. **Trails**
 - i. Ms. Herrick stated that she is waiting for the Eagle Scout to contact her and suggested tree plantings in the area of Franklin and Coventry.
- e. **Borough Park Arboretum**
 - i. No Update
- f. **Joint Land Use Board**
 - i. Application from Verizon Wireless for the antenna at the high school has been withdrawn
- g. **Council Updates**
 - i. No updates
- h. **India Brook**
 - i. No Updates

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Metzler, seconded by Mr. Morris and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Smith
Land Use Coordinator