

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 6, 2022
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. via Zoom and the open public meeting statement was read into the record.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Arena	Present	Mr. Foerster	Present
Ms. Mundy	Present	Mr. D'Urso	Present
Mr. Metzler	Present	Mr. Tracy	Present
Mr. Wells	Present	Mr. Morris	Absent
Mr. Bruin	Absent		

Also present: Adeline Perkins- Mendham High School Liaison
Councilman Andrew

APPOINTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY REVIEW COMMITTEE

A. Mr. Arena, Mr. Metzler, and Mr. D'Urso were appointed.

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Metzler, seconded by Mr. Wells and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt the Minutes of the January 3, 2023 meeting, as presented.

ROLL CALL

In Favor: Mr. Arena, Mr. Metzler and Mr. Wells

Opposed:

Abstain: Ms. Mundy, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Foerster, and Mr. D'Urso.

ASSIGN WORK GROUPS

- A. Scott Farm
 - a. Mr. Tracy was added to this group.
- B. Recycling/Clean Communities
 - a. Ms. Mundy were added as Lead and Mr. D'Urso were added to this group.
- C. Service Projects
 - a. Mr. Lawrence will be lead for Cub/Girl Scouts and his Troop.
 - b. Mr. Arena will be lead for Troop 1.
- D. Trails
 - a. Mr. Metzler and Mr. Tracy were added to this group.
- E. Community Wildlife Habitat
 - a. Mr. Wells and Ms. Mundy were added to this group.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Work Groups Reports
 - a. Open Space / Farmland Preserve
 - i. Mr. Wells went over the history of Open Space and gave the group a handout which included a map of Open Space properties. Mr. Wells spoke with Mr. Connelly and was given a list of potential properties. Mr. Wells

would like to go through and update the list to not include ½ and ¼ acre lots and review with Mr. Arena and Mr. Metzler.

b. Environmental

- i. Mr. Arena explained that the Environmental Advisory Committee retained One Water to review and report on 2 Joint Land Use Board applications and an application to the NJDEP for a Flood Hazard Area and Freshwater Wetlands permit application related to a proposed project at 84-90 Main St.

c. Shade Tree

- i. Mr. Foerster stated that the DPW will be doing 2 plantings, one in the spring and one in the fall with a total of 40 trees being planted.

B. Project Group Report

a. Scott Farm

- i. Mr. Arena stated there will be a project to do plantings and install benches. Mr. Arena suggested advertising the trail around the farm more so that it gets more use. Mr. Arena stated that the Borough will be applying for an additional grant for the 3-season building used for meetings, etc.

b. Recycling/Clean Communities Outreach Program

i. Styrofoam Event

- 1. Borough Residents 62
- 2. Township Residents 44
- 3. Yards collected 71
- 4. 3 full body truck loads

c. Service Projects (Scout Liaison)

- i. No Updates

d. Trails

- i. Mr. Arena stated that himself and Mr. Wells met with the Borough Engineer and based on the proposed trail, the Engineer didn't think it was feasible for the grant. Mr. Arena explained that the Borough Planner suggested a trail around the park from the church property to create a loop trail in the park that people could use and would put together a proposal. Mr. Wells updated the group regarding the trail connecting Franklin Rd with the TempeWick Reserve. Mr. Wells spoke with the Chair of the Environmental Commission in the Township and discovered an informal trail in the undeveloped part of the reserve that can be upgraded by the scout that would connect to the other trails. The Township Chair looked into the issue with the stream at the end of Franklin that is in the Township and the Chair stated that the resources for the crossing of the stream would have to come from the Borough. Mr. Wells stated that a permit would be necessary.

e. Events Calendar

- i. There are no volunteers needed for the Paper and Tech Shred Day on March 25, 2023
- ii. Raritan Headwaters Association - Saturday, April 15th

f. Methodist Church Property

- i. Mr. Arena noted that there is a road going in from the First Aid Squad to the back of the property that the DPW is marking. Mr. Foerster stated that there are a number of dead trees on the property that the DPW will be having removed.
- g. Community Wildlife Habitat
 - i. No Updates

I. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER ITEMS

- a. Ms. Mundy volunteered to do the April Mendham Messenger article that is due by March 1st.
- b. Mr. Arena updated the group regarding the letter sent from the NJDEP for the application for a permit for the property behind Kings. After Mr. Metzler researched the area to find that there is a c1 stream, ECOSST retained the services of One Water Consulting, LLC who reviewed and prepared comments on behalf of the Commission that was sent to the NJDEP and can be reviewed online. Mr. Metzler noted that there is an application for the Sisters of Christian Charity to renovate the motherhouse into residential units and the barn would also be renovated into residential units. Mr. Metzler explained that a wetlands line of interpretation is part of the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Arena opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments on items not included on the agenda. Ms. Herrick from 25 Franklin Rd. stated that she was able to cross the stream at the end of Franklin Rd into the TempeWick Reserve while holding her child, but the ability would be based on the weather. There being no further comment, the public session was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Foerster, seconded by Mr. Wells and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Smith
Land Use Coordinator