

**MINUTES OF THE  
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, April 6, 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	Present	Mr. Morris	Absent
Mr. Metzler	Present	Mr. Verrengia	Present
Ms. Herrick	Present	Mr. D'Urso	Absent
Mr. Foerster	Present		

**MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Tracy, seconded by Mr. Foerster and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt the Minutes of March 2, 2026, meeting as submitted.

**ROLL CALL**

In Favor: Mr. Arena, Ms. Herrick, Mr. Foerster, Mr. D'Agostino, and Mr. Verrengia

Opposed:

Abstain: Mr. Tracy and Mr. D'Urso

**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. Eagle Scout Kabir Kaushal~ Gave a final report on the completed Eagle project 'The Bench effect' that was done last Fall.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Work Groups Reports
  - i. Open Space / Farmland Preserve
    - i) No Updates
  - ii. Environmental
    - i) Mr. Metzler noted that he received 2 applications from the JLUB for review.
  - iii. Shade Tree
    - i) Mr. Foerster noted that there will be 17 street trees planted around town in the Spring

**PROJECT GROUP REPORT**

- a. **Scott Farm**
  - i. Mr. Arena stated that the Council has awarded the bid to start construction and has submitted a grant for the next phase.
  - ii. Mr. Arena suggested looking into publicity for the Barn and Arboretum.
  
- b. **Recycling/Clean Communities Outreach Program/Publicity/Events**
  - i. Mr. Verrengia stated the Recycle App was placed on the Borough website and now has 178 users.
  - ii. Council Member Traut suggests exploring the possibility of using the app for all town communications to streamline messaging.
  
- c. **Service Projects (Scout Liaison)**
  - i. No Updates
  
- d. **Trails**
  - i. Ms. Herrick stated that she will be meeting with Mr. Foerster and Mr. Arena at the Franklin retention pond to discuss tree planting that will be given to DPW Superintendent, Mr. Hafemeister.
  
- e. **Borough Park Arboretum**
  - i. Mr. Foerster indicated that there will be a Red Oak planted in the arboretum for Arbor Day.
  
- f. **Joint Land Use Board**
  - i. No Update
  
- g. **Council Updates**
  - i. Council Member Traut explained that V-Fee Realty will be given 18 summons and will donate 18 trees for the arboretum because they removed trees before approval.
  
- h. **India Brook**
  - i. Mr. Arena mentioned that there will be tree planting at the end of April, and invasive species will be removed. Mr. Arena noted that volunteers are needed.
  - ii. Mr. Arena noted that there will be a stream cleanup at 2 sites at the end of April.
    - i. Mountain Valley Park
    - ii. India Brook

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Metzler, seconded by Mr. D’Agostino and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Lisa Smith*  
Land Use Coordinator