

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 4, 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	Absent
Mr. Tracy	Absent	Mr. Morris	Absent
Mr. Metzler	Present	Mr. Verrengia	Absent
Ms. Herrick	Present	Mr. D'Urso	Present
Mr. Foerster	Absent		

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Metzler, seconded by Ms. Herrick and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt the Minutes of April 6, 2026, meeting as submitted.

ROLL CALL

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

Opposed:

Abstain: **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 will be emailing the administrator to request outside review for the Daytop application for the Joint Land Use Board.
 - iii. Shade Tree
 - i) Mr. Foerster was absent but sent a message stating that 21 trees have been planted, and 1 Red Oak was planted in the arboretum for Arbor Day.

PROJECT GROUP REPORT

- a. **Scott Farm**
 - i. Mr. Arena stated that there will be a walk-through in late May.

- b. **Recycling/Clean Communities Outreach Program/Publicity/Events**
 - i. Mr. Arena and Council Member Traut were on a call to begin working on becoming certified with Sustainable NJ and being eligible for grants.
 - ii. Ms. Herrick noted that the MCMUC has grants available for food waste diversion programs.
- c. **Service Projects (Scout Liaison)**
 - i. No Updates
- d. **Trails**
 - i. Ms. Herrick stated that she received an email from Mr. Foerster regarding the native plants that can be planted at the Franklin St. retention pond.
- e. **Borough Park Arboretum**
 - i. No Updates.
- f. **Joint Land Use Board**
 - i. Mr. D’Urso explained that V-Fee Mendham Apts. Received 18 summons for the trees that were prematurely removed, and will be providing 18 trees for the arboretum.
- g. **Council Updates**
 - i. No Updates
- h. **India Brook**
 - i. Mr. Arena noted that Trout Unlimited supplied and planted 100 small trees near the stream.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. D’Urso , seconded by Mr. Metzler and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Smith
Land Use Coordinator