

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST
REGULAR MEETING
Monday May 5, 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	Present
Ms. Mundy	Absent	Mr. D'Agostino	Absent
Mr. Metzler	Absent	Mr. Morris	Absent
Ms. Herrick	Present	Mr. D'Urso	Absent
Mr. Tracy	Present		

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Foerster, seconded by Ms. Herrick and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt the Minutes of April 7, 2025, meeting as submitted.

ROLL CALL

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

Opposed:

Abstain: 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.

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Arena stated that there is a grant opportunity from ANJEC for \$1500 that could be used to remove more invasive plants at India Brook and will look into completing the grant.

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 explained that they are in the process of mapping the canopy of street trees and open space in connection with the Forestry Management Plan renewal.
 - ii) Mr. Foerster noted that the spring tree plantings will be starting soon

- iii) Mr. Foerster stated that there was an Arbor Day dedication at the Phoenix House where they planted a new tree.

PROJECT GROUP REPORT

- a. **Scott Farm**
 - i. No Updates
- b. **Recycling/Clean Communities Outreach Program/Publicity/Events**
 - i. Mr. Foerster stated that he saw that the American Legion in Chester did a cleanup and had food for the participants and asked if this was something that the Borough could do.
- c. **Service Projects (Scout Liaison)**
 - i. No Updates
- d. **Trails**
 - i. Ms. Herrick made a list of the trails that she could find based on what was on Google Maps and would like to do a survey with a qr code that can be placed in the Messenger. Mr. Arena and Ms. Herrick will put together a blurb and created qr code and Ms. Smith will ask the Mayor if it can go in the June Messenger.
- e. **Borough Park Arboretum**
 - i. Mr. Arena asked if Ms. Bushman could give an update.
- f. **Joint Land Use Board**
 - i. Mr. Arena noted that he saw Save Mendham filed an appeal for the VFee project
- g. **Council Updates**
 - i. Mr. Arena stated that Trout Unlimited and Eagle Scout Joseph received Council approval for their projects that were presented at the previous ECOSST meeting. The Eagle Scout project for the kiosk will be placed at India Brook.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Metzler, seconded by Ms. Herrick and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Smith
Land Use Coordinator

