

**MINUTES OF THE  
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, August 1, 2022  
Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, NJ**

**CALL TO ORDER&FLAG SALUTE**

The Reorganization/ 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	Present	Ms. Golier	Absent
Mr. Metzler	Present	Mr. Tracy	Present
Mr. Wells	Present	Mr. Morris	Present
Ms. Tracy	Absent		

Also Present: Mr. Patton, High School Liaison

**MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Metzler, seconded by Mr. Morris and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt the Minutes of the June 6, 2022 meeting, as presented.

**ROLL CALL**

In Favor: Mr. Arena, Ms. Mundy, Mr. Metzler, and Mr. Morris

Opposed:

Abstain: Mr. Wells, Mr. Foerster, and Mr. Tracy

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Ms. Herrick would like to see if there was a way to connect the cul-de-sac on Franklin Rd. to the Tempe wick reserve. Mr. Arena stated that it would be a good idea as long as it didn't fall on private property. Ms. Mundy had concern with the wetness in the area. Mr. Arena assigned the trails committee to look into the project. Mr. Wells stated that in the proposed loop trail from 2010 this area was identified as a future connection. Mr. Metzler explained that according to Google maps the cul-de-sac backs right up to the Township. Mr. Wells and Mr. Metzler will look into the project.

Girl Scout Troop #6072 presented there silver award project that they would like to do in the new property acquired near the United Methodist Church. The girls explained that they would like to plant a pollinator garden and install picnic tables for kids their age to have a place to go. There was concern brought up about the maintenance of the garden and Mr. Patton stated that he would discuss with the Environmental Club about maintaining the area. Mr. Wells and Mr. Metzler will look into the project.

Motion was made to approve the project by Mr. Metzler, seconded by Mr. Foerster and unanimously carried by voice vote.

## **ROLL CALL**

In Favor: Mr. Arena, Ms. Mundy, Mr. Metzler, Mr. Wells, Mr. Foerster, Mr. Tracy, and Mr. Morris

Opposed:

Abstain:

### **A. Work Groups Reports**

#### **1) Open Space / Farmland Preserve**

- a) Mr. Wells contacted Mr. Connelly and was given a thumb drive of Open Space material to review

#### **2) Environmental**

- a) Mr. Metzler stated that there were a few applications, but only 1 needs review.

#### **3) Shade Tree**

- a) Mr. Foerster stated that the Borough completed the planting of 33 trees and is looking into a Fall program.

### **B. ECOSST Project Group Report**

#### **a. Scott Farm**

- i. Mr. Arena stated that the Borough was awarded the grant to start the project of stabilizing the Scott Farm Barn.
- ii. Mr. Arena stated that the DPW is doing a great job mowing and the trail is coming back.

#### **b. Recycling/Clean Communities Outreach Program**

- i. No Updates

#### **c. Service Projects(Scout Liaison)**

- i. Mr. Morris will let the Girl Scout Service Unit know about the possible projects at the kickoff meeting.
- ii. Mr. Metzler asked if something could be placed on the website that stated there are projects.

#### **d. Connector Trail from Patriots Path to Shopping Center**

- i. No Updates

#### **e. Events Calendar**

- i. The Styrofoam event was held at Mendham Township on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 and 44 cy of Styrofoam was collected.

#### **f. United Methodist Church**

- i. Mr. Foerster asked what the plan for the dead trees. Mr. Arena asked Ms. Smith to contact Mr. Cooper at DPW regarding the concern.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Mr. Arena thanked Mr. Patton for all his help and informed the group that Mr. Patton is going to college, and this was his last meeting. The group all thanked

him for his services.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Arena opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments on items not included on the agenda. There being none, the public session was closed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Ms. Mundy and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Lisa Smith*  
Land Use Coordinator