

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday September 2, 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	Present
Mr. Metzler	Present	Mr. Morris	Absent
Ms. Herrick	Absent	Mr. D'Urso	Present
Mr. Tracy	Absent		

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Metler, seconded by Mr. Arena and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt the Minutes of August 4, 2025, meeting as submitted.

ROLL CALL

In Favor: Mr. Arena and Mr. Metzler

Opposed:

Abstain: Mr. Foerster, Mr. D'Agostino, 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

Mr. Arena stated that Option 1 was chosen for the bench type.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Work Groups Reports
 - i. Open Space / Farmland Preserve
 - i) No Updates
 - ii. Environmental
 - i) Ironia Bridge project received NJDEP permit
 - iii. Shade Tree
 - i) Mr. Foerster noted that placement to the Fall tree planting has begun. Mr. Arena stated that if there are any extra trees, they can be planted at India Brook.

PROJECT GROUP REPORT

- a. **Scott Farm**
 - i. Mr. Arena noted that there is County Legislation to allow Open Space monies to be used for stewardship of the Open Space properties.

- b. **Recycling/Clean Communities Outreach Program/Publicity/Events**
 - i. No Updates
- c. **Service Projects (Scout Liaison)**
 - i. No Updates
- d. **Trails**
 - i. No Updates
- e. **Borough Park Arboretum**
 - i. Mr. Arena showed the plans from the Engineer for the path.
- f. **Joint Land Use Board**
 - i. Mr. D’Urso stated that an application for a ground solar array was approved at the last meeting and the property that was Lakeland bank will now be an eye doctor.
- g. **Council Updates**
 - i. Council Member Traut noted that OIC McNichol is looking into grants for Path Town USA
- h. **India Brook**
 - i. Mr. Arena explained that:
 - i. The company has done 3 rounds of spraying for invasives.
 - ii. DPW brush hogged and removed the pile of brush.
 - iii. 50 lbs of grass seed was spread with hay
 - iv. Stream restoration will be scheduled in a few years
 - v. Farm owner across the street offered to have a fundraiser for Trout Unlimited.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Metzler, seconded by Mr. D’Urso and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Smith
Land Use Coordinator