

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST
REORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 3, 2023
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 7:35 p.m. and the open public meeting statement was read into the record.

*****REORGANIZATION*****

ROLL CALL

Mr. Arena	Present	Mr. Morris	Absent
Ms. Mundy	Present	Mr. Tracy	Absent
Mr. Metzler	Present		
Mr. Wells	Present		
Mr. Foerster	Absent		

Also present: Adeline Perkins- Mendham High School Liaison

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

CHAIR

Motion made to nominate Mr. Arena as Chairman by Mr. Metzler. There being no further nominations, a single ballot was cast, and Mr. Arena was designated Chairman.

VICE CHAIR

Motion made to nominate Mr. Wells as Vice Chairman by Mr. Arena. There being no further nominations, a single ballot was cast, and Mr. Wells was designated Vice Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tabled until the February 6, 2023 meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

MEETING DATES

Motion by Mr. Metzler, seconded by Mr. Wells and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt a resolution (as outlined herein) setting forth the meeting dates for 2023 and the first meeting of 2024.

Roll Call:

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

Opposed:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

**BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
ENVIRONMENTAL, OPEN SPACE, & SHADE TREE (ECOSST)
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL, OPEN SPACE & SHADE TREE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM CALENDAR YEAR 2023**

***BE IT RESOLVED** that that at its Regular and Reorganization Meeting held on January 3, 2023, the Environmental Commission, Open Space Committee and Shade Tree Commission known as the Joint ECOSST Commission of the Borough of Mendham established regularly scheduled meetings for the year 2023 as follows:*

*Tuesday, January 3, 2023 (previously noticed)
Monday, February 6
Monday, March 6
Monday, April 3
Monday, May 1
Monday, June 5
Monday, July 3
Monday, August 7
Tuesday, September 5
Monday, October 2
Monday, November 6
Monday, December 4
Tuesday, January 2, 2024 (Regular and Reorganization)*

The regular and reorganization meeting for 2024 will be held on January 2, 2024.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the meetings will be held at 7:30PM at the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson St, Mendham, NJ.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** During a declared state of emergency when meetings of ECOSST are held remotely, the public may attend remotely by Zoom. Instructions on how to attend a meeting via Zoom will be posted on the meetings schedule webpage on the Borough's website in advance of the meeting and in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice of any additions to the above schedule or change in the time, date or place of any scheduled meeting will be maintained in the Phoenix House, 2 West Main St., Mendham, NJ for purposes of public inspection, and will be filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and delivered to the official newspapers in advance as required by law.*

*Lisa Smith
Land Use Coordinator*

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

Motion by Mr. Metzler, seconded by Ms. Mundy and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt a resolution (as outlined herein) recognizing the Star Ledger and The Daily Record as the official newspapers of the Commission for 2023.

Roll Call:

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

Opposed:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

**BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
ENVIRONMENTAL, OPEN SPACE, & SHADE TREE (ECOSST)
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Environmental Commission, Open Space Committee and Shade Tree Commission known as the Joint ECOSST Commission of the Borough of Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey as follows:

WHEREAS, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey for 1975, known as and hereinafter designated as the "Open Public Meetings Act" aforesaid, Joint ECOSST Commission of the Borough of Mendham hereby makes the following designations:

1. The Star Ledger and the Daily Record are hereby designated as the two newspapers to receive notice of meetings required by any and all sections of the Open Public Meetings Act, it appearing that said newspapers are most likely to inform the local public of such meetings. Notices required by the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law or the Borough's Land Use Regulations may be placed, as required by law, in either of the designated newspapers.
2. Notice of this meeting of the ECOSST Commission of the Borough of Mendham shall be posted and maintained in the Phoenix House, 2 West Main Street, Mendham, NJ for purposes of public inspection, and will be filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act
3. The sum of \$12.00 per year is hereby fixed as the amount to be paid by any person requesting individual notice of meetings as provided in Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Dated: January 3, 2023

*****REGULAR MEETING*****

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Metzler, seconded by Mr. Arena and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt the Minutes of the December 5, 2022 meeting, as presented.

Roll Call:

In Favor: Mr. Arena and Mr. Metzler

Opposed:

Abstain: Ms. Mundy and Mr. Wells

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The group updated the Work Groups to include the new members.

- A. Work Groups Reports
 - 1) Open Space / Farmland Preserve – No updates.
 - 2) Environmental –
 - a) The group discussed procedures for reviewing new applications.
 - 3) Shade Tree – No updates.
- B. Project Group Report
 - 1) Scott Farm – No updates
 - 2) Recycling/Clean Communities Outreach Program-Miss Perkins spoke about a new recycling project at the high school.
 - 3) Service Projects (Scout Liaison) – No updates
 - 4) Trails- Mr. Wells explained that the trail from Patriots Path to the Kings Shopping Center is pending Mayor and Council approval to proceed. Mr. Wells spoke with a Township Councilperson who stated that they were going to discuss at the November meeting regarding connecting Franklin

Rd to the Townships portion of TempeWick Reserve. The Township Councilperson suggested speaking to the Chair of the Township Environmental Commission.

- 5) Methodist Church Property- Mr. Arena suggested that Mr. Tracy and Mr. Wells discuss getting funding for a trail at the property.
- 6) Community Wildlife Habitat- No updates

C. Events Calendar

- 1) Styrofoam Recycling Day- Ms. Mundy stated that January 7, 2023 is the Styrofoam event. Miss Perkins will be bringing volunteers to help at the event.
- 2) Paper Shred/Tech on March 25, 2023- Mr. Arena explained that there are no volunteers needed at this event and will be held at the Borough DPW.

NEW BUSINESS

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. Metzler, seconded by Ms. Mundy and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Smith
Land Use Coordinator