

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 1, 2021
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. Sprandel	Present
Ms. Mundy	Present	Mr. Foerster	Present
Ms. Golier	Absent	Mr. Pace	Present
Mr. Metzler	Present	Mr. Wells	Present

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MINUTES:

Chairman Arena asked for comments on the minutes of the regular meeting of August 2, 2021 . There being no corrections, Mr. Metzler made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Mr. Sprandel seconded.

ROLL CALL

In Favor: Mr. Arena, Mr. Metzler, Mr. Sprandel and Mr. Pace.

Opposed:

Abstain:

Mr. Arena stated that Ms. Barber and Mr. Castiglione resigned and the Mayor is in the process of finding replacements.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Work Groups Reports
 1. Open Space / Farmland Preserve
 - a. Mr. Sprandel had no new updates.
 2. Environmental
 - a. No Updates.
 3. Shade Tree
 - a. Mr. Foerster stated that he attended the NJ Shade Tree Federation in Cherry Hill and learned a lot and will do a write up on the Lantern Fly and the Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Foerster explained that this time of year there is a surge of Lantern Flies, and the frost should wipe them out. Mr. Foerster added that if anyone sees the egg casings on the side of trees to please scrape them off and destroy them or spray with a dormant oil. Mr. Arena asked about the Borough tree planting and Mr. Foerster explained that a large number of trees have been planted around town and will continue to do more in the Spring. Mr. Foerster stated that in the past, they have been going by Mr. Sharkey's plan but will be adjusting due to the Ash trees that will

need to be replaced. Mr. Sprandel asked if plantings are still being done between the road and the sidewalk because the previous trees are lifting the sidewalks. Mr. Foerster explained that the trees that are being planted now are on the other side of the sidewalk. Mr. Sprandel asked if there is a specific species of trees being planted. Mr. Foerster stated that they are planting more native species such as Red Maples, Elm, Linden and Oak. Mr. Arena stated that as part of the Scott Farm project, they would like to bring back trees to the bottom 1/3 of the property and would like Mr. Foerster to meet there to discuss the plantings and plant shoots by the stream.

2. ECOSST Project Group Report

- a) United Methodist Church
 - (i) Mr. Andrew stated that an ordinance was past the other night to acquire the property.
 - (ii) Mr. Arena stated that the project group consisting of Mr. Pace, Ms. Mundy and Mr. Sprandel will go and form a plan for the clean up.
- b) Scott Farm
 - (i) No updates
- c) Connector Trail from Patriots Path to Shopping Center
 - (i) Mr. Wells and Mr. Arena met with he Borough Engineer and the Engineer will be putting together a proposal so that it can be put in the budget. Mr. Wells gave an update of what was discussed with the Borough Engineer. Mr. Wells stated that thought about seeking access through the corner where the lumber store is, and the Engineer felt that there should be a discussion with the shopping center owner about having access and maybe a couple of parking spots.
- d) Bike Swap
 - (i) Might coordinate the Bike Swap with the Electronic Recycling event
- e) Farmers Market
 - (i) Mr. Arena sent the Mayor an email to see what her thoughts are on this.
- f) Scout Project
 - (i) No updates

3. Events Calendar

- (a) Ms. Mundy stated that there is a Styrofoam event on January 8th.
- (b) Ms. Budd is going to use Clean Communities money to purchase a large quantity of reusable bags to distribute and would like to know what the members would like on them. Mr. Arena gave 2 choices and the members decided Mendham Borough ECOSST under the logo.
- (c) Ms. Mundy stated that there will be a Paper Shredding and Electronic recycling in March.

- (d) Mr. Arena asked the members to think of other events. Mr. Arena suggested a Battery recycling event.
- (e) Mr. Arena asked the group to look at the submissions for the Fall Foliage Contest and vote on the winner. The winner was chosen, and Ms. Budd will be notified.

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER ITEMS:

1. The members chose the collared shirts with ECOSST on them so that they can wear during events.
2. Mr. Arena will be working on assigning members to the work groups.
3. Mr. Patton stated that the Environmental Group at the school will be more involved with the ECOSST events. Mr. Arena asked for a list of the people that will be helping with the Styrofoam event, shred/electronics event, United Methodist Church project and Scott Farm tree planting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Metzler, seconded by Ms. Mundy and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, December 6, 2021, at 7:30PM at the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, NJ.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Smith

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