

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, December 6, 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	Absent
Ms. Golier	Absent	Mr. Pace	Present
Mr. Metzler	Present	Mr. Wells	Present - arrived at 7:40pm

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MINUTES:

Chairman Arena asked for comments on the minutes of the regular meeting of November 1, 2021 . There being no corrections, Ms. Mundy made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Mr. Pace seconded.

ROLL CALL

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

Opposed:

Abstain:

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Work Groups Reports
 1. Open Space / Farmland Preserve
 - a. Mr. Sprandel gave an update on the property behind the Methodist Church and stated that the Borough negotiated a price of approximately \$300,000. The County approved \$220,000 and the remainder will come out of Open Space. Mr. Sprandel stated that the closing should be early next year.
 2. Environmental
 - a. No Updates.
 3. Shade Tree
 - a. Mr. Arena stated that Mr. Foerster is unable to attend but supplied a list of native plants for Scott Farm.
2. ECOSST Project Group Report
 - a) United Methodist Church
 - (i) Mr. Sprandel stated that once the property is closed on the area will need to be cleaned up. Mr. Sprandel asked for property markers and a plaque stating that the property is open space. Mr. Sprandel also suggested that there should be an inventory of the trees on the property because he feels that this property is one of

the oldest undisturbed pieces of land in the Borough.

- (ii) Mr. Arena asked for suggestions of uses for the property. Mr. Sprandel suggested a par course or parkland with benches and picnic tables.

b) Scott Farm

- (i) Mr. Arena summarized the Scott Farm Plan

*Scott Farm Development Plan
Mendham Borough
ECOSST meeting
12/6/2021*

Barn and surrounding structures

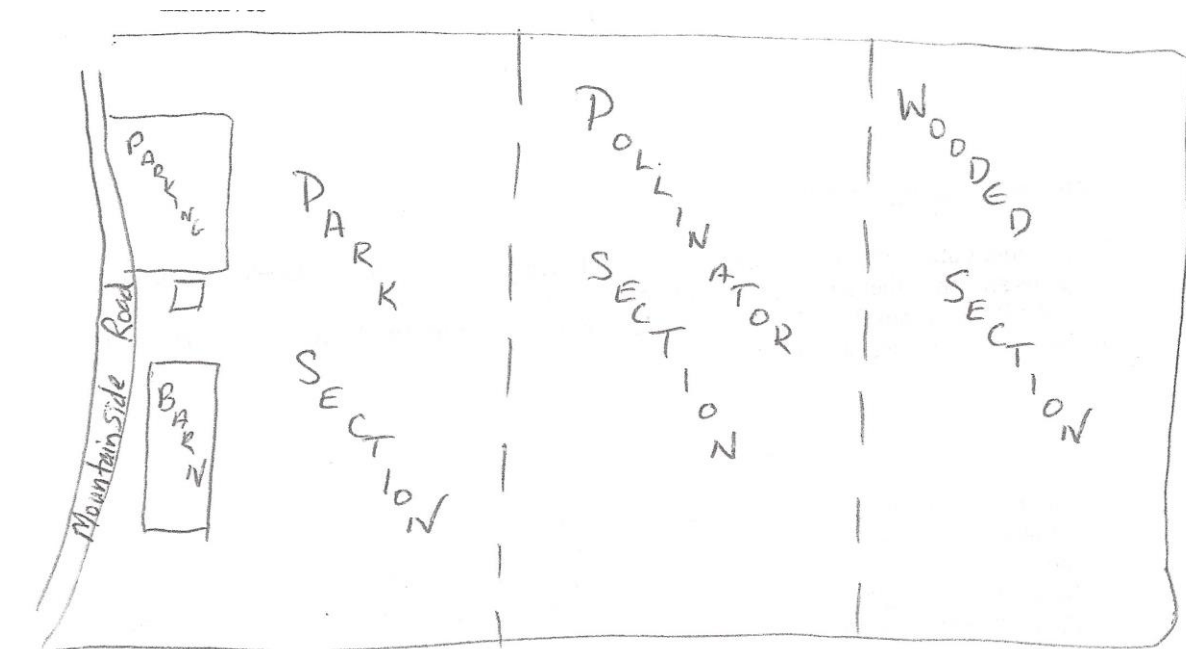
1. Resubmit the proposal to Morris County Historical Committee for the barn's architectural plans and one other structure. (Joyce/Spring' 22)
2. Submit the proposal to Morris County Historical Committee for the cost of stabilizing the barn and structures (Joyce/Spring' 23)

The trail to and around the Property

1. Blaze trail from Patriots Path to Scott Farm (Eric 4/21)
2. Create Pedestrian Signs for Connector Trail (Eric 4/21)
3. Increase the number of people who use the trail (Open/Spring'22)
4. Install "Scott Farm" town signs and Kiosks at Barn Parking lot and Patriot Path/Pastime Field. (Ted/Spring' 22).
5. Install Park benches around the Pastures loop (Eric/Spring'22)

Property

1. Reach out to Audubon Society, Rutgers co-op extension, etc., to help set up programs and keep them updated with our progress.
2. The Open Field will be broken into 1/3's with each section to be a different Open Space initiative



Wooded Section (lower 1/3rd)

1. *Reforest lower 1/3rd with Nj native species of Trees. Doing this will cut down on maintenance and help absorb wet terrain (Tim/2022).*
2. *Remove all evasive bushes from the Field.*
3. *The Path will continue to be maintained as the trees grow.*

Pollinator Section (middle 1/3rd)

1. *Planting of pollinators tree/plants to foster the habitat for the insect and animal populations in Mendham borough.*
2. *Construction of bird/ bat houses and other dwellings .*
3. *"Whipstock" will be planted around the stream bed.*
4. *Plant native species and remove evasive plants. (Tim/Sprint' 22)*

Park Section(upper 1/3rd)

1. *Park area with seats and picnic tables.*
2. *Old farming equipment removed*

- c) Connector Trail from Patriots Path to Shopping Center
 - (i) Mr. Wells stated that he received a cost estimate to design and permit the trail from the Engineer. Mr. Wells explained that an application for the County Trail Grant would be prepared and if approved, the Borough would receive 80% of the cost from the grant. Mr. Wells would like to know if this estimate will be included in the 2022 budget. Mr. Wells will put together the information to give to Councilman Andrew to bring to the Mayor and Council.
- d) Farmers Market
 - (i) No update
- e) Scout Project
 - (i) Mr. Arena stated he reached out to the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts to let them know that there are a number of projects. Mr. Arena asked that John Patton and Ms. Golier coordinate the projects with the school.
- f) Signs
 - (i) Mr. Metzler stated the one place he feels needs a sign is Scott Farm and that all signs at Borough properties are not uniform. Mr. Metzler will put together a list of signs needed and submit them to Councilman Andrew for Borough Mayor and Council consideration.

3. Events Calendar

- (a) Ms. Mundy stated that there is a Styrofoam event on January 8th and members of the High School Environmental Group will be helping.
- (b) Ms. Mundy stated that there will be a Paper Shredding and Electronic recycling in March.
- (c) Arbor Day
 - (i) Tree seedling will be distributed in April at the DPW

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER ITEMS:

- (a) Mr. Arena asked the members to think of other events.
 - (i) Members suggested recycling events for battery, refrigerator, propane tanks, engine oil.
- (b) Mr. Arena explained that there will be no January meeting due to the fact that the appointments will not be made until after the January date and the Council's reorg meeting.
- (c) Mr. Wells asked if anyone was aware that the bridge near the Commons was washed out. Mr. Andrew suggested an email be sent to DPW.

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 Mr. Sprandel and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting of ECOSST will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 7:30PM at the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, NJ.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Smith

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Land Use Coordinator

