

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, May 3, 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 electronically via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Arena	Present	Mr. Sprandel	Present
Ms. Barber	Present	Mr. Foerster	Absent
Ms. Mundy	Present	Mr. Pace	Absent
Ms. Golier	Absent	Mr. Wells	Present
Mr. Metzler	Present	Mr. Castiglione	Absent

Also Present: John Patton, High School Liaison

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MINUTES:

Chairman Arena asked for comments on the minutes of the regular meeting of May 3, 2021 . There being no corrections, Ms. Barber made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Ms. Mundy seconded.

ROLL CALL

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

Opposed:

Abstain: Ms. Golier

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Work Groups Reports
 1. Open Space / Farmland Preserve
 - a. Mr. Sprandel had no new updates.
 2. Environmental
 - a. No Update
 3. Shade Tree
 - a. There were over 900 free tree seedlings distributed at DPW April 23, 24, 26-28
2. ECOSST Project Group Report
 - a) United Methodist Church
 - (i) Mr. Arena stated that there were no updates.
 - (ii) Ms. Mundy asked to see a copy of the survey of the property.
 - b) Scott Farm
 - (i) Mr. Arena stated that he has not heard anything about the proposal for the grant.
 - (ii) The DPW has mowed the lawn and now there is a path.
 - (iii) Mr. Arena stated that the signs that the Eagle Scout ordered are in and there are seven that will need to be placed.
 - (iv) Ms. Barber would like to take pictures and send it to the Messenger with a notice

about the trail.

- (v) Mr. Arena said there was a request to save the fence that is on the Commons side and the DPW feels it is too rotted to save and will be taken down.

- c) Rowe Sheep Farm
 - (i) Trying to get approval of wording from Mr. Rowe and then send to Council for approval for the Historic Marker.

- d) Connector Trail from Patriots Path to Shopping Center
 - (i) Mr. Wells, Mr. Pace and Ms. Barber walked the path and put together a report which was shared with Mr. Ferriero, Borough Engineer. Mr. Ferriero stated that there are buffer issues, and it is in the flood plan. Mr. Wells spoke to County program that provides grant funding for trail design and the application would have to be turned in by July and the letter of intent would be due in June. Ms. Barber stated that there are new bridges along the path and wondered how those approvals were given within the wetlands. Mr. Sprandel said that there have been bridges on the Path and maybe they were just replacements. Mr. Wells suggested putting together a report to the Council to begin process for Trail Design Grant.

- e) Bike Swap
 - (i) No Update

3. Events Calendar

- (a) Mr. Arena spoke to Mendham Township regarding the Styrofoam Recycling Day, and it will be held on Saturday, June 5th from 9am – 1pm. Mendham Township will host at the Township DPW and need volunteers.
- (b) Mr. Arena suggested looking into a freon removal event.

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER ITEMS:

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

The next meeting of the Board will be held virtually via Zoom on Monday, July 12, 2021, at 7:30PM with limited seating at the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, NJ.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Smith

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Land Use Coordinator