

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 7, 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	Present
Ms. Golier	Absent	Mr. Wells	Present
Mr. Metzler	Present	Mr. Castiglione	Absent

Also Present: John Patton, High School Liaison
Steve Andrew, Borough Council Liason

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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: Mr. Pace

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Work Groups Reports
 1. Open Space / Farmland Preserve
 - a. Mr. Sprandel had no new updates.
 2. Environmental
 - a. Ms. Barber had no new updates.
 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) Mr. Sprandel asked if there were any negotiations and Mr. Andrew stated that he has not heard anything.
 - b) Scott Farm
 - (i) Mr. Arena advised that the trail has been completed and the signs were put up. There are now 8 signs leading around the trail from the bridge. There were 12 – 15 trail markers added. The culverts are working well with very little puddling.

- (ii) Mr. Arena stated that he has not heard anything about the proposal for the grant.
 - (iii) The DPW has mowed the lawn and now there is a path. Mr. Arena requested that the path is the only thing that is mowed until late August.
 - (iv) Ms. Barber will be contacting Chris Neff from the NJ Audubon to see if there is a way to track the difference in bird life and to see if a joint project with the NJ Audubon regarding attracting birds to the property. Mr. Arena asked that when Ms. Barber finds anything out to pass the information on the Scott Farm group.
- 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. Mr. Arena spoke with Mr. Connelly, and they will be reaching out to Mr. Rowe within the week to get the wording for the marker.
- d) Connector Trail from Patriots Path to Shopping Center
 - (i) Mr. Wells gave an update and stated that he believes the letter of recommendation will be on the June Council Meeting for discussion. Mr. Wells also stated that the Borough Administrator contacted the Borough Engineer to get a price to do the application. The letter of intent is due the end of June and the application is due the end of July. Mr. Wells was in contact with the permit writer at the DEP and feels that there may only be one permit needed for the general path. Mr. Arena asked Mr. Andrew if he thinks this is something that the Council will recommend, and Mr. Andrew didn't foresee any reason of them not to.
- e) Bike Swap
 - (i) No Update

3. Events Calendar

- (a) Ms. Mundy and Mr. Sprandel attended the Styrofoam Recycling Event. Ms. Mundy stated that there was a great turnout and very successful. Ms. Mundy had suggestions at the event to have this as a regularly scheduled event. Ms. Mundy spoke with Ms. Budd from the DPW and confirmed that there will be two events per year. Mr. Sprandel spoke of the volume that was dropped off.

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER ITEMS:

Mr. Arena stated that the Mayor asked what ECOOST thought of having a Farmers Market in Mendham. Ms. Mundy stated that there used to be one at Pitney Farm and there was an issue with getting farm fresh fruits and vegetables. Mr. Metzler said that there were not enough vendors or people. Mr. Metzler stated that there is a lot of competition since there is one in Bernardsville, Chester, Mendham Township and Morristown. Mr. Arena will be speaking to the Mayor to get more information as to the frequency, kinds of products, etc. Mr. Arena asked for volunteers for a project group. Ms. Mundy will work on the group but does not want to lead the group. Mr. Arena will lead the group. Mr. Wells suggested contacting the NJ State Department of Agriculture to find vendors. Mr. Arena suggested an all organic farmers market might be an idea. Ms. Barber suggested a tomato festival or use what is in season.

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. Wells, seconded by Ms. Barber and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:15 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