

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 5, 2024
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. Tracy	Present
Ms. Mundy	Present	Mr. Foerster	Present
Mr. Metzler	Present	Mr. Morris	Present
Mr. Wells	Present	Mr. D'Urso	Present

Also Present: Ms. Perkins

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Foerster and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt the Minutes of the January 8, 2024 meeting, as presented.

ROLL CALL

In Favor: Mr. Arena, Mr. Metzler, Mr. Wells, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Foerster, and Mr. Morris

Opposed:

Abstain: Ms. Mundy and Mr. D'Urso

DISCUSSION

Eagle Scout Project~ Ian Braun

The Eagle Scout explained the project of building and installing 2 picnic benches at Scott Farm for an Eagle Project was completed and showed pictures of the benches. Mr. Braun presented a check to ECOSST for the excess money that was raised for the project. Mr. Arena thanked him and stated that this was the only time a scout had extra donations.

Eagle Scout Project~ Daniel Malikov

The Eagle Scout explained that the project will consist of three major phases:

1. Shortlist the places/landmarks (e.g., historical buildings, parks) and gather available info about those from public and private sources like Mendham Borough Environmental Committee
2. Create approved content.
 - o Summarize gathered information.
 - o Complement the information with pictures of the locations taken throughout the year.
 - o Receive approval by the committee.
3. Publish approved content on mendhamnj.org website and Google Maps.

Motion by Mr. Tracy seconded by Mr. Wells, and unanimously carried by voice vote to approve the Scout project to make the Borough of Mendham more discoverable and better represented on Google Maps by showing more information about its historical landmarks and key places for community gathering through four calendar seasons., as presented.

ROLL CALL

In Favor: Mr. Arena, Ms. Mundy Mr. Metzler, Mr. Wells, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Foerster, Mr. Morris,
and Mr. D’Urso

Opposed:

Abstain:

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Work Groups Reports

- a. Open Space / Farmland Preserve
 - i. Mr. Wells sent an update to Councilman Sullivan
- b. Environmental
 - i) Mr. Metzler noted that there were 2 applications sent from the JLUB for review. A review was done only on the application from Gunther where the property is 100% in the riparian zone.
 - ii) Mr. Metzler explained that the NJDEP denied the V-Fee Mendham Apartments appeal request.
- c. Shade Tree
 - i. Mr. Foerster explained that this year is the 17-year cycle for cicadas and you can protect your trees with a band of tape around trees.

B. Project Group Report

- a. Scott Farm
 - i. Mr. Arena stated that the benches have been installed by the Eagle Scout. Mr. Arena suggested a garbage can at Scott Farm.
- b. Recycling/Clean Communities Outreach Program
 - i. Mr. Arena stated that 110 Borough and 89 Township residents attended the Styrofoam event on January 6, 2024 where 184(65 gallon) bags, 90 Coolers and 36 giant pieces of Styrofoam were collected.
 - ii. Mr. Arena noted that there will be a Paper and Tech shred day on April 6th and no volunteers are needed for this event.
- c. Service Projects (Scout Liaison)
 - i. Mr. Morris stated that there will be another project presented at the next meeting.
- d. Trails
 - i. Mr. Wells followed up on the reconstruction of the trail from Mountain Valley Pond to the Sewer plant and there are portions of the path that need easements acquired. The Borough is submitting an application to the State.
- e. Events Calendar
 - i. No Updates
- f. Methodist Church Property
 - i. Mr. Tracy suggested curb your dog signs and bags are needed.
- g. Community Wildlife Habitat
 - i. Ms. Perkins distributed flyers at school and needs more copies.
- h. Joint Land Use Board
 - i. No Updates
- i. Council Updates
 - i. No Updates
- j. Publicity
 - i. No Updates

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER ITEMS

Ms. Mundy explained that she would like to have ANJEC come to a meeting and do a presentation. The group agreed on May or June.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Smith

Land Use Coordinator