

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 6, 2023
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. Foerster	Absent
Ms. Mundy	Present	Mr. D'Urso	Present
Mr. Metzler	Absent	Mr. Tracy	Absent
Mr. Wells	Absent	Mr. Morris	Present
Mr. Bruin	Absent		

Also present: Adeline Perkins- Mendham High School Liaison

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. D'Urso, seconded by Ms. Mundy and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt the Minutes of the February 6, 2023 meeting, as presented.

ROLL CALL

In Favor: Mr. Arena, Ms. Mundy, and Mr. D'Urso.
Opposed:
Abstain: Mr. Morris

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER ITEMS

- A. Mendham Borough Troop 97604 5th Grade Girls gave a presentation on their Bronze award, Air Bees and Bees project, and requested permission to make use of Green Space in the Scott Farm and Cosma Tract to install native pollinator bee houses and spread wildflower seeds.

Motion by Mr. Arena, seconded by Mr. D'Urso and unanimously carried to approve the project, as presented.

ROLL CALL

In Favor: Mr. Arena, Ms. Mundy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. D'Urso.
Opposed:
Abstain:

- B. Ms. Mundy composed an article for the Mendham Messenger. The group will review and comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Arena opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments on items not included on the agenda. Mr. Haddock from 210 Mountainside Rd. explained that he had just purchased the property and came to the meeting to observe.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Work Groups Reports
 - a. Open Space / Farmland Preserve
 - i. Mr. Arena stated that Mr. Wells is working on a list of Open Space properties.
 - b. Environmental
 - i. Mr. Arena explained that there were 2 reports sent to the JLUB regarding the Accordia and V-Fee Mendham Apartment applications. Mr. D’Urso stated that he will be presenting the ECOSST letter at the hearing for Accordia.
 - c. Shade Tree
 - i. Ms. Smith stated that Mr. Foerster wanted to let the group know that the DPW will be doing 2 plantings, one in the spring and one in the fall with a total of 40 trees being planted.
- B. Project Group Report
 - a. Scott Farm
 - i. Mr. Arena stated there will be a project to do plantings this spring.
 - b. Recycling/Clean Communities Outreach Program
 - i. No updates
 - c. Service Projects (Scout Liaison)
 - i. Mr. Morris stated that a scout in Troop 130 would like to build benches as an Eagle Scout project on Scott Farm.
 - d. Trails
 - i. Mr. Arena stated that Mr. Wells has spent time putting together a trail master map that goes throughout Mendham. Mr. Wells will be sending the Mayor and Council an email regarding some issues completing the trail.
 - e. Events Calendar
 - i. Paper and Tech Shred Day – March 25, 2023
 - 1. No volunteers needed.
 - ii. Raritan Headwaters Association - Saturday, April 15th
 - 1. Ms. Perkins will let the Commission know how many volunteers from the school will be attending.
 - f. Methodist Church Property
 - i. No updates
 - g. Community Wildlife Habitat
 - i. No Updates

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. D’Urso and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Smith
Land Use Coordinator