

**MINUTES OF THE  
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, April 3, 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	Present
Ms. Mundy	Present	Mr. D'Urso	Present
Mr. Metzler	Present	Mr. Tracy	Present
Mr. Wells	Present	Mr. Morris	Present

Also present: Adeline Perkins- Mendham High School Liaison

**MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Mundy and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt the Minutes of the March 6, 2023 meeting, as presented.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Opposed:

Abstain: Mr. Metzler, Mr. Wells, Mr. Foerster, and Mr. Tracy

**NEW BUSINESS/OTHER ITEMS**

- A. Ms. Hickey and Mr. Connelly from Connelly and Hickey presented the plans and the proposed improvements for the Cary Barn.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Arena opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments on items not included on the agenda. There being none, public comment was closed.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Work Groups Reports
  - a. Open Space / Farmland Preserve
    - i. No Updates
  - b. Environmental
    - i. Mr. Metzler will follow up with the DEP regarding the letter that was sent for the V-Fee application.
    - ii. Mr. Wells would like Mr. D'Urso to suggest to the Joint Land Use Board the connection of the trail to the shopping center be completed as an offsite improvement as a condition of approval for the V-Fee application. Mr. D'Urso stated that he has to recuse himself from the V-Fee hearing.

- c. Shade Tree
  - i. Mr. Foerster explained 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 and letter to the residents are being sent out.
- B. Project Group Report
  - a. Scott Farm
    - i. Mr. Arena met with a scout that would like to put 4-6 benches along the path, planting whips along the stream and planting some native species in the bottom 1/3 of the property as a project.
    - ii. Mr. Arena stated that the girl scouts that made their presentation to put in the Air bee and bees and pollinators received Council permission to proceed.
  - b. Recycling/Clean Communities Outreach Program
    - i. Mr. Arena stated that 37 laptops, 18 desktops, 41 cell phones, 12 tablets and 68 hard drives were shredded at the tech/shred event.
  - c. Service Projects (Scout Liaison)
    - i. Mr. Morris spoke with a scout that would like to do a project and will let the group know when he has more details.
  - d. Trails
    - i. Mr. Wells showed the group an overview of the loop trail and explained the couple issues he found with connecting the loop. Mr. Wells stated that there is federal grant money called safe roads to schools that could be applied for.
    - ii. Councilman Andrew will bring this information to the Mayor and Council for their thoughts.
  - e. Events Calendar
    - i. Raritan Headwaters Association - Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>
      - 1. Ms. Perkins explained that there were 4 volunteers from the school that will be attending, and she will try to get more. Mr. Arena and Ms. Mundy will be also attending.
  - f. Methodist Church Property
    - i. No updates
  - g. Community Wildlife Habitat
    - i. No Updates- Ms. Mundy will be talking to the Township to see what the Borough needs to do.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Metzler, seconded by Ms. Mundy and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Lisa Smith*  
 Land Use Coordinator