

**MINUTES OF THE  
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, May 1, 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	Absent	Mr. D'Urso	Absent
Mr. Metzler	Present	Mr. Tracy	Absent
Mr. Wells	Present	Mr. Morris	Present

**MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Foerster and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt the Minutes of the April 3, 2023 meeting, as presented.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Opposed:

Abstain:

**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. Mr. Lupo, 17 Dean Rd., noted that the removal of the Ash trees at MASH is eliminating the buffer zone. Mr. Foerster stated that he will look into it. Ms. Herrick, 25 Franklin Rd. commented that the fields on Franklin are rarely used and are being treated. Ms. Herrick stated that there is a pumping station for NJAWC on Franklin and asked if treating the fields was necessary. Ms. Herrick was directed to call the DPW and inquire as to the necessity of the treatment. There being no other comments, public comment was closed.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Work Groups Reports

a. Open Space / Farmland Preserve

- i. Mr. Wells explained that there are over 180 parcels on the list that he was given for potential properties, and he will be reducing to a more manageable amount.

b. Environmental

- i. Mr. Metzler submitted a report to the JLUB regarding the application for an addition at 24 Franklin Rd.

- 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.
  - ii. Mr. Foerster noted that a tree was purchased for the Fall Foliage Contest winner and will be planted once a location is determined.
- B. Project Group Report
  - a. Scott Farm
    - i. Mr. Arena and Mr. Metzler will be contacting the DPW regarding the damage to the fence that someone drove through. 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 have install the Air bee and bees and pollinators near the middle of the field.
  - b. Recycling/Clean Communities Outreach Program
    - i. Mr. Arena stated that 40+/- people attended the annual stream clean up.
  - 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.
    - ii. Mr. Arena and Mr. Morris will come up with a list of projects.
  - d. Trails
    - i. No updates
  - e. Events Calendar
    - i. Raritan Headwaters Association - Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>
      - 1. Mr. Arena stated that 40+/- people attended the annual stream clean up.
    - ii. Styrofoam Recycling Event June 3, 2023 9-12PM at Mendham Township Public Works- Mr. Arena will contact Ms. Perkins and see how many students can volunteer.
  - f. Methodist Church Property
    - i. Hazardous trees need to be removed before any projects can occur.
  - g. Community Wildlife Habitat
    - i. No Updates

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Metzler, seconded by Mr. Wells and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Lisa Smith*  
 Land Use Coordinator