

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 5, 2020
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.

OPENING STATEMENT

Notice of this meeting was published in the Star Ledger and the Daily Record on in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and was posted on the bulletin board of the Phoenix House. The meeting is being conducted electronically, with Notice as required, consistent with the Governor's Emergency Declarations and the guidance issued by the NJ Department of Community Affairs along with limited seating at the Garabrant Center.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Cascais	Absent	Ms. Mundy	Present
Ms. Golier	Absent	Mr. Castiglione	Absent
Mr. Metzler	Present	Mr. Foerster	Absent
Mr. Arena	Present	Mr. Nicolson	Absent
Mr. Sprandel	Present	Mr. Pace	Present
Ms. Barber	Present		

Also Present: John Patton, High School Liaison

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MINUTES:

Chairman Arena asked for comments on the minutes of the regular meeting of August 3, 2020. There being no corrections, Mr. Arena made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Ms. Barber seconded.

ROLL CALL

In Favor: Mr. Metzler, Mr. Arena, Ms. Barber, and Ms. Mundy

Opposed:

Abstain:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Work Groups Reports

1. Open Space / Farmland Preserve

- a. Mr. Sprandel discussed the property that the Borough was looking to acquire next to Borough Park that is owned by the Church. Mr. Sprandel stated that the Mayor and the Planner, Jessica Caldwell, gave a presentation to the County Open Space Committee and will be able to answer questions given at a later meeting.
- b. Mr. Sprandel gave an update on the Farmland Preservation for the Rowe Sheep farm.
- c. Mr. Arena gave a summary of the Open Space Fund. Mr. Arena also explained that the Borough is now going to have a budget line for ECOSST that can be used on different projects.

2. Environmental
 - a. Ms. Barber is collaborating with the Township on the Environmental Checklist. Ms. Barber would like to also present it at an ANJEC workshop
3. Shade Tree
 - a. No update

B. ECOSST Project Group Report

1. Scott Farm -

- a. Mr. Arena summarized the St. Joe's Service Project that included installation of approx. 150' fence, created a rain garden, repaired drainage pipe, Removed and then build new enclosures on chicken coops, and repainted the chicken coops.
- b. The Scott Farm Barn has been approved for money through the County Historic Preservation Commission to allow the architects to look at the Barn to see what needs to be done to sure it up.
- c. Mr. Arena stated that the Eagle Scout is waiting for approval to do the path at the Scott Farm.
- d. Ms. Barber would like to use a portion of the Scott Farm as a Community Garden.

2. Tranquility Garden –

- a. Mr. Arena asked Mr. Patton gave an update on the outcome from the visit to the Tranquility. Mr. Patton observed that there is a lack of access and parking. He would like to make a walkway from the driveway to the garden and the sign needs to be moved closer to the road. Ms. Mundy and Mr. Metzler agreed. Mr. Arena will put together an email with the suggestions and send to the Mayor. Mr. Patton feels as though if the Garden was more accessible, more students would use it. Ms. Barber suggested a gazebo and table. Mr. Metzler suggested Wi-Fi and to remove the permit parking on Orchard St.

C. Events Calendar

- a. Shred/Tech Day - Mr. Arena asked for an update on the Shred/Tech Day and Ms. Budd sent an email stating that there were over 200 hard drives/cell phones shredded. Ms. Budd asked if the Shred day can be moved to March instead of October in 2021. The Committee agreed that the shred day be moved to March
- b. Styrofoam Recycling – Mr. Arena would like to discuss having 2 Styrofoam recycling events per year or take it on a regular basis.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 7:30PM at the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, NJ.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Smith

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