

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, December 7, 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	Present	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 November 2, 2020. There being no corrections, Mr. Metzler made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Mr. Sprandel seconded.

ROLL CALL

In Favor: Mr. Metzler, Mr. Arena, Mr. Sprandel, Ms. Mundy, and Mr. Pace.

Opposed:

Abstain: Mr. Cascais and Ms. Barber

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Work Groups Reports

1. Open Space / Farmland Preserve
 - a. Mr. Sprandel stated that the County approved \$220,000 for the acquisition of a portion of the Methodist Church property.
2. Environmental
 - a. Ms. Barber explained that her and Councilman Reilly are working on the Environmental review for a pool installation.
3. Shade Tree

- a. Fall trees have been planted
 - b. Spring bulbs to be planted at the Phoenix House Garden
- B. ECOSST Project Group Report
- a. Eagle Scout Project
 - i. Mr. Arena discussed that the Eagle Scout project has been completed and invited the group to walk the new path from the Pastime Field to Scott Farm on Thursday, December 10th.
 - b. United Methodist Church
 - i. Ms. Barber suggested doing an Environmental Review on the property that the Borough is looking to acquire.
- C. Events Calendar – Ms. Mundy gave an update stating that the next Styrofoam Recycling Event will be Saturday, January 9, 2021.
- D. Composting
- a. Ms. Barber feels that composting draws bears. Mr. Patton suggested putting together a video.
- E. Noise/Air Pollution Reduction (leaf blowers, trimmers, mowers)
- a. Tabled

I. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER ITEMS

No new business

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Arena opened the meeting to the public for questions and comments on items not included on the agenda.

Mr. Wells introduced himself as a previous member of the Environmental Commission made a suggestion to connect Patriot's Path with the Shopping Center. There was discussion and Mr. Arena stated that he would investigate the possibility.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:30PM virtually and at the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, NJ.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Smith

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Land Use Coordinator