

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 1, 2021
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.

APPOINTMENTS/OATHS OF OFFICE

The Chairman Arena administered Oath of Office to the following member(s):

- a. Thomas Wells – Alternate 1 expiring 12/31/21.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: John Patton, High School Liaison
Carolynn Budd, DPW Administrative Assistant
Joyce Bushman, Borough Administrator
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MINUTES:

Chairman Arena asked for comments on the minutes of the reorganization/regular meeting of January 4, 2021 . There being no corrections, Mr. Pace made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Mr. Metzler seconded.

ROLL CALL

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Work Groups Reports
 - a) Open Space / Farmland Preserve
 - i) No updates
 - b) Environmental
 - i) No Updates
 - c) Shade Tree
 - i) Ms. Budd stated that approximately 25 tree plantings were discussed with Mr. Foerster.
2. Project Group Report
 - a) United Methodist Church
 - i) Ms. Bushman stated that the Borough was negotiation pricing and that the Borough received \$220,000 from the County towards the acquisition.
 - b) Scott Farm- Mr. Arena explained that there will be five trail signs being placed along the Scott Farm trail as part of the Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Arena asked for a motion to recommend approval to the Mayor and Council for the proposed signs. Motion was made by Ms. Barber and Ms. Mundy seconded.

ROLL CALL

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

Opposed:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

3. Morris County 2021 Grant Applications

- a) Ms. Bushman summarized the resolution for the grant application for the Scott Farm. The concept that was submitted that the Barn will be a 3-season building and the lower level will have a deck. The barn will be a viewing/nature center. Ms. Mundy asked who was doing the design work and Ms. Bushman stated that it would be Connelly & Hickey. Ms. Barber suggested doing plantings of native species in the field. Ms. Bushman suggested coming up with a plan. Mr. Wells suggested having groups that would be using the property should be included in the discussion of the future use of the barn beyond the stabilization.

Mr. Arena asked for a motion to support the submission of the grant.

Ms. Barber made a motion to support the submission of the grant and Mr. Wells seconded.

ROLL CALL

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

Opposed:

Abstain:

Motion carried.

- b) Ms. Bushman summarized the resolution for the grant application for the Phoenix House. Mr.

Metzler asked if the match amount of the grant would come from the Open Space Trust Fund.
Ms. Bushman stated that at this time they are not asking for any matching funds for this project.

Mr. Arena asked for a motion to support the submission of the grant.
Mr. Metzler made a motion to support the submission of the grant and Mr. Pace seconded.

ROLL CALL

In Favor: Mr. Arena, Ms. Barber, Ms. Mundy, Mr. Metzler, Mr. Pace and Mr. Wells.
Opposed:
Abstain:
Motion carried.

4. Review draft Budget for the OS Fund
 - a) Ms. Bushman explained the Open Space Budget line by line.
5. Events Calendar
 - a) Paper and Tech Shredding
 - i) Ms. Budd stated that there will be a Paper and Tech Shredding Event being held at Public works on March 20, 2021. The Mayor asked that a food pantry collection at the same time so there will be collections made for the Chester-Mendham Food Pantry. Ms. Budd said that no volunteers will be needed.
 - b) Host a 1-day (Saturday) collection of rechargeable batteries.
 - i) Ms. Budd is looking into a 1-day rechargeable battery event and incorporate plastic bag collection.

NEW BUSINESS/OTHER ITEMS

- 1) Mr. Pace made a motion to move the July 5, 2021 meeting to July 12, 2021 and Ms. Barber seconded. On a single vote note the motion was carried.
- 2) Mr. Arena would like to form a new group for a connector path from the Kings Shopping Center to Patriot's Path. Mr. Wells volunteered to head the group and Mr. Pace volunteered for the group.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Pace, seconded by Ms. Barber and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, May 3, 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