

**MINUTES OF THE
MENDHAM BOROUGH ECOSST
REORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 6, 2025
Via Zoom**

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

The Reorganization/ 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.

*****REORGANIZATION*****

ROLL CALL

Mr. Arena	Present	Mr. Tracy	Present
Ms. Mundy	Absent	Mr. Foerster	Present
Mr. Metzler	Absent	Mr. D'Agostino	Present
Ms. Herrick	Present	Mr. Morris	Absent

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

CHAIR

Motion made to nominate Mr. Arena as Chairman by Ms. Herrick and seconded by Mr. Foerster. There being no further nominations, a single ballot was cast, and Mr. Arena was designated Chairman.

VICE CHAIR

Motion made to nominate Mr. Metzler as Vice Chairman by Ms. Herrick and seconded by Mr. Arena. There being no further nominations, a single ballot was cast, and Mr. Metzler was designated Vice Chairman.

APPOINTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Motion made to nominate Mr. Metzler as Environmental Advisory Review Committee by Mr. Arena and seconded by Mr. Tracy. There being no further nominations, a single ballot was cast, and Mr. Metzler was appointed as Environmental Advisory Review Committee

RESOLUTIONS:

MEETING DATES

Motion by Mr. Foerster, seconded by Ms. Herrick and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt a resolution (as outlined herein) setting forth the meeting dates for 2025 and the first meeting of 2026.

Roll Call:

In Favor: Mr. Arena, Ms. Herrick, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Foerster, and Mr. D'Agostino.

Opposed:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

The resolution follows.

ECOSST

**BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
ENVIRONMENTAL, OPEN SPACE, & SHADE TREE (ECOSST)
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION SETTING THE ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL, OPEN SPACE & SHADE TREE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
CALENDAR YEAR 2025**

BE IT RESOLVED that that at its Regular and Reorganization Meeting held on January 6, 2025, the Environmental Commission, Open Space Committee and Shade Tree Commission known as the Joint ECOSST Commission of the Borough of Mendham established regularly scheduled meetings for the year 2025 as follows:

*Monday, January 6, 2025 (Previously Advertised)
Monday, February 3
Monday, March 3
Monday, April 7
Monday, May 5
Monday, June 2
Monday, July 7
Monday, August 4
Tuesday, September 2
Monday, October 6
Monday, November 3
Monday, December 1*

The regular and reorganization meeting for 2026 will be held on January 5, 2026.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the meetings will be held at 7:30PM at the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson St, Mendham, NJ.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** During a declared state of emergency when meetings of ECOSST are held remotely, the public may attend remotely by Zoom. Instructions on how to attend a meeting via Zoom will be posted on the meetings schedule webpage on the Borough's website in advance of the meeting and in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notice of any additions to the above schedule or change in the time, date or place of any scheduled meeting will be maintained in the Phoenix House, 2 West Main St., Mendham, NJ for purposes of public inspection, and will be filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and delivered to the official newspapers in advance as required by law.*

*Lisa Smith
Land Use Coordinator*

Dated: _____

Land Use Coordinator

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

Motion by Mr. Tracy, seconded by Ms. Herrick and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt a resolution (as outlined herein) recognizing the Star Ledger and The Daily Record as the official newspapers of the Commission for 2025.

Roll Call:

In Favor: Mr. Arena, Ms. Herrick, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Foerster, and Mr. D’Agostino.

Opposed:

Abstain:

Motion Carried

The resolution follows.

***‘BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
ENVIRONMENTAL, OPEN SPACE, & SHADE TREE (ECOSST)
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY***

***RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025***

BE IT RESOLVED by the Environmental Commission, Open Space Committee and Shade Tree Commission known as the Joint ECOSST Commission of the Borough of Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey as follows:

WHEREAS, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey for 1975, known as and hereinafter designated as the “Open Public Meetings Act” aforesaid, Joint ECOSST Commission of the Borough of Mendham hereby makes the following designations:

- 1. The Star Ledger and the Daily Record are hereby designated as the two newspapers to receive notice of meetings required by any and all sections of the Open Public Meetings Act, it appearing that said newspapers are most likely to inform the local public of such meetings. Notices required by the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law or the Borough’s Land Use Regulations may be placed, as required by law, in either of the designated newspapers.*
- 2. Notice of this meeting of the ECOSST Commission of the Borough of Mendham shall be posted and maintained in the Phoenix House, 2 West Main Street, Mendham, NJ for purposes of public inspection, and will be filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act*
- 3. The sum of \$12.00 per year is hereby fixed as the amount paid by any person requesting individual notice of meetings as provided in Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act.*

Dated: January 6, 2025

ATTEST:

Land Use Coordinator

*****REGULAR MEETING*****

MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Herrick, seconded by Mr. Foerster and unanimously carried by voice vote to adopt the Minutes of the December 2, 2024 meeting, as presented.

Roll Call:

In Favor: Mr. Arena, Ms. Herrick, Mr. Tracy, and Mr. Foerster.

Opposed:

Abstain: Mr. D'Agostino

Motion Carried

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Work Groups Reports
 - 1) Open Space / Farmland Preserve
 - a) No Updates.
 - 2) Environmental
 - a)No Updates
 - 3) Shade Tree
 - a)Mr. Foerster explained that there is a different format being used to choose locations for the annual tree planting that will be included in the Mendham Messenger. Mr. Foerster also noted that additional funds have been requested for the Shade Tree budget.
- B. Project Group Report
 - 1) Scott Farm
 - i. Mr. Arena explained that Mr. Metzler and himself met with the County regarding the project and the project will be going out to bid by summer to make the Barn into a 3-season educational facility.
 - 2) Service Projects (Scout Liaison)
 - 3) Recycling/Clean Communities Outreach Program
 - i. Mr. Arena noted that Styrofoam event filed a bay and ½ at the DPW and was the best event yet.
 - ii. Mr. Arena stated that he spoke with the Township, and they are looking to work with the Borough on other projects ie. Franklin Rd to Tempe Wick Preserve.
 - 4) Service Projects (Scout Liaison)
 - 5) Trails
 - i. No updates.
 - ii. Mr. Arena asked for an inventory.
 - 6) Methodist Church Property

- 1. No updates
- 7) Community Wildlife Habitat
 - i. No updates
- 8) Joint Land Use Board
 - i. No Updates.
- 9) Council Updates
 - i. No Updates
- 10) Publicity
 - i. No Updates

NEW BUSINESS

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 Mr. Tracy, seconded by Mr. D'Agostino and unanimously carried to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Smith
Land Use Coordinator