

**BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
ECOSST REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Monday, February 3, 2025 at 7:30 pm
Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham, NJ**

I. CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

II. OPENING STATEMENT

Notice of this meeting was published in the Star Ledger and the Daily Record and was posted in the Bowers Building in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and furnished to all those who have requested individual notice and have paid the required fee.

III. ROLL CALL

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 6, 2025

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is an opportunity for the public to comment on any matter or concern. To ensure that every citizen has an opportunity to speak, the Chair will recognize the individual and ask them to state their name and address for the record. The speaker does not need to provide their address if they have been verified by the Office of Information Privacy as a covered person in the Borough, under Daniel's Law. Speakers are asked to limit their comments to four minutes.

Please note that Public Comments do not follow a question-and-answer format; however, a member of ECOSST may offer a brief response when it is helpful to do so.

VI. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER ITEMS

- a. New Project Ideas
- b. Project Groups

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Work Groups Reports
 - a. Open Space / Farmland Preserve
 - b. Environmental
 - c. Shade Tree
- 2. Project Group Report
 - a. Scott Farm
 - b. Recycling/Clean Communities Outreach Program
 - c. Service Projects (Scout Liaison)
 - d. Trails
 - e. Events Calendar
 - f. Methodist Church Property
 - g. Community Wildlife Habitat
 - h. Joint Land Use Board
 - i. Council Updates
 - j. Publicity

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The next Reorganization and Regular Meeting of the Mendham Borough ECOSST will be held on
Monday, March 3, 2025 at 7:30PM at the Garabrant Center, 4 Wilson Street, Mendham

- **Top Priority**
 - Removal of dead trees at Arboretum Site.
 - Scheduled by DPW to be completed by DPW in Spring 2024.
 - 30 Trees have been tagged. 20 trees have been removed to date.
 - DPW has cleared the undergrowth and debris.
 - Restoration of Patriots Path from Mountain Rd to Water Reclamation Facility.
 - Grant to be re-submitted to Morris County in 2024.
 - Grant was submitted to NJ LRIG Program.
 - Increase tree planting budget to replace dead Ash trees.
 - 2024 Budget increase \$5000.
 - Scout/IB Project List.
 - Stain bridge at Mountain Valley Pond.
 - Raised Beds at MASH for a community garden.
 - Shade tree and whip plantings at Scott Farm.
 - Cost for survey of Borough property on Franklin Rd.
 - Install path from Patriots Path to Kings.
- **Medium Priority**
 - Carey Barn Farm Park Sign
 - DPW in Process of Ordering Sign.
 - 2024 Budget Item.
 - Eagle Scout/IB Projects.
 - Walking Trail at Arboretum Site.
 - Scheduled.
 - Planting of pollinators at Scott Farm.
 - Feasibility Completing Borough Loop Trail.
 - **Open Space Priority**
 - Obtain feedback from Mayor and Council on priorities for land preservation listed in the 2023 Open Space Inventory Update
 - Initiate preliminary discussions with landowners whose properties have an “A” rating in the Open Space Inventory Update.
 - **Trails Priority**
 - Borough Loop Trail – Determine if construction of the proposed loop trail segment along Hilltop Road from Heather Hill Road to Talmage Road is possible.
 - Proposed trail linking Patriot’s Path to the Borough Shopping Center – **In** the development process for V Fee Apartments, incorporate discussion of a trail linking Patriot’s Path with the Village Shopping Center/V Fee Apartments.
 - Trail link from the end of Franklin Road to the Township’s Tempe Wick Reserve – Perform a survey at the end of Franklin Road to decide if the stream at that location lies in the Borough or the Township.
 - Restoration of Patriots Path from Mountain Valley Park (Mud Hole) to Water Reclamation Facility.
 - The Borough’s application to the County for grant funding for this project was not approved in 2023 because the County felt that the Borough did not provide sufficient evidence of the necessary easements or ownership of the corridor to be restored.
 - Easement Survey work approved, and Engineer is working on.
 - Grant to be re-submitted to Morris County in 2024.