

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2023 AT THE NETCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 23 MAPLE AVENUE, NETCONG, NEW JERSEY COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nametko at 7:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STATEMENT OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The Borough Clerk read the following statement:

Adequate notice of this meeting as defined by the Open Public Meetings Act has been provided by:

1. Posting a notice of said meeting in the space provided for
Such announcements at the Borough Hall on January 6, 2023.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper
of the Borough of Netcong on January 11, 2023 and emailing a
copy to the Star Ledger on January 6, 2023.

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance this evening were Councilman Albensi, Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Laureys, Councilman Morton, Councilman Still, Councilman Sylvester and Mayor Nametko. Also present was Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator and Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

Mrs. Maryanne Engelhart, Amendola Dr., wanted to know why the taxes are so high. The Council explained to her that it is coming from the school. The school taxes went up 10%, the municipal tax went up 2%. She stated she heard they are funding schooling for illegals. The mayor stated she would need to go to the board of ed for answers to that question. She is also concerned about the winter parking. She has too many cars to fit in her parking lot. She is also concerned about the paving on Amendola Dr. and why it is not being done. The mayor explained the cost of paving her street is approximately \$400,000.00. Councilman Hathaway explained to her why the pipes need to be put in the ground before paving is done or the borough will not receive grant money. He explained grants would be applied for in this grant season for her street. She also asked about the new apartments and the taxes that they are not paying. The mayor explained the low-income housing process in the new apartment complex. Councilman Hathaway explained how the process for COAH works and that this is coming from the state. It was determined there are a total of 20 assisted units within the 2

new apartment complexes. Councilman Still stated she should not be discussing illegal citizens at a public forum. Councilman Hathaway stated it is a crime to discriminate. The town does not have those types of controls. The mayor thanked her for her time.

A Motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Morton.

Roll Call: 6 Yes

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The following items are for discussion purposes only. Any action on these items will take place at the meeting of November 9, 2023.

1. **Minutes** – Agenda Meeting – October 5, 2023
Regular Meeting – October 12, 2023

A Motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the minutes.

Roll Call for 10/5: 6 Yes

A Motion was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway to approve the minutes.

Roll Call for 10/12: 5 Abstain: Councilman Morton

Admin report change name from Hathaway to Sylvester for Oct 12th .

2. **Ordinance Adoptions-** Ordinance 2023-20-AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 194 "LAND DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES" AND CHAPTER 98 "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG AND SETTING DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS BETWEEN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND RETAIL CANNABIS LICENSED PREMISES.

To be carried to the November 9th meeting.

3. **Correspondence** – Memo from James T. Bryce- Pending Off Site Advertising Sign Ordinance.

4. **Correspondence** – Letter from DCA – Determining Block 26 Lot 6 and a portion of to 10 to be an Area in Need of Redevelopment.

5. **Old Business** – None presented.

6. **New Business-** None presented.

7. **Resolution 2023-94** – 2024 Holiday Schedule

8. **Resolution 2023- 95** - Resolution of The Borough of Netcong, County of Morris and State of New Jersey In Support of Senate Bill 3739 Delaying The Fourth Round of Affordable Housing Obligations From July 1, 2025 To July 1, 2028

A Motion to approve the two above mentioned resolutions was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Still.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

9. **Ordinance Introduction – Ordinance 2023-21** – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, ET SEQ. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 26, LOTS 6 AND A PORTION OF LOT 10

To be carried to the November 9th meeting.

10. **Ordinance Introduction – Ordinance 2023-22-** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 98 “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG AND SETTING DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS BETWEEN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND RETAIL CANNABIS LICENSED PREMISES.

To be carried to the November 9th meeting.

11. **Ordinance Introduction - Ordinance 2023-23-** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPERSEDE ORDINANCE 2023-16 AND AMEND CHAPTER 194 “LAND DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG FOR CONDITIONAL USE REGULATION OF RETAIL CANNABIS.

To be carried to the November 9th meeting.

12. **Ordinance Introduction – Ordinance 2023-24** - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 194 “LAND DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG.

To be carried to the November 9th meeting.

13. **Ordinance Introduction – Ordinance 2023-25-** AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 246, “STORMWATER CONTROL,” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG TO INCLUDE NEW ARTICLES CONCERNING STORMWATER CONTROL AND PRIVATELY OWNED SALT STORAGEES.

To be carried to the November 9th meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR TO THE COUNCIL

Council President: Spoke with administrator about leaf pick up on the roads. Mr. Blakeslee stated this was discussed at the Public Works Committee today.

Councilman Hathaway and Councilman Albensi will be on vacation. They would like to attend virtually.

Councilman Sylvester was concerned about the Roxbury Warehouses. He would like to go as a group to a planning board meeting to discuss the entrance to one of these warehouses that will cause significant traffic. There was further discussion on this subject among the Council. He is concerned about these developments. Councilman Still suggested we send a letter to the Roxbury Planning Board. Councilman Sylvester would like to physically go to the meeting. Several Council members agreed to go with Councilman Sylvester. There was further discussion among the Council on this subject. There will be a new planner as the original one has retired. There was further discussion on the possibilities of traffic control issues with all the trucks coming in and out of the area. Councilman Sylvester will find out the date for the Roxbury planning board meeting so they can attend.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Nametko heard from many that the trunk or treat was very well attended. Councilman Morton noted it was the largest yet.

PROCLAMATION

None presented

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Sylvester and seconded by Councilman Hathaway.
Roll Call: 6 Yes


CLOSED SESSION

No closed session held this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Still and seconded by Councilman Hathaway at 7:59 PM.
Roll Call: 6 Yes

Respectfully,


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk