

**BOROUGH OF NETCONG
MAYOR AND COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
June 24, 2025**

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NETCONG HELD June 24, 2025 AT THE NETCONG MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 23 MAPLE AVENUE, NETCONG, NEW JERSEY COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Council President 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 May 30, 2025.
2. Publishing a notice in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on May 30, 2025

ROLL CALL

Those in attendance this evening were Councilman Eddy, Councilman Hathaway, Councilman Laureys, Councilman Morton and Council President Nametko. Also present was Mrs. Eckert, Borough Clerk and Mr. Blakeslee, Borough Administrator.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Eddy and seconded by Councilman Morton.

Roll Call: 5 Yes

1. **Resolution 2025-66-** A Resolution of The Borough Council of The Borough of Netcong, Morris County, New Jersey, Endorsing the Amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan For 2025 Through 2035 As Adopted by The Planning Board of The Borough of Netcong

Mr. Laureys asked why we are doing this so close to the deadline. Mr. Blakeslee stated we had to wait for the document to be completed by our planner. Then it had to go to the planning board. Mr. Oostdyk, borough attorney gave several comments on the procedure. Mr. Nametko asked several questions about the process. Mr. Oostdyk answered his questions. There could be objections to the plan. There was brief discussion on affordable housing that has already been done in the borough. Mr. Nametko stated the borough is in good shape.

A motion to adopt resolution 2025-66 was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Morton.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING

A Motion to Close the Meeting to the Public was made by Councilman Laureys and seconded by Councilman Morton.
Roll Call: 5 Yes


CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was made by Councilman Hathaway and seconded by Councilman Morton at 7:38 PM.
Roll Call: 5 Yes

Respectfully Submitted,


Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF
NETCONG, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, ENDORSING THE
AMENDED HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN FOR 2025
THROUGH 2035 AS ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE
BOROUGH OF NETCONG**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Supreme Court, through its rulings in Southern Burlington County NAACP v. Mount Laurel, 67 13 N.J. 151 (1975) and Southern Burlington County NAACP 14 v. Mount Laurel, 92 N.J. 158 (1983), determined that every municipality in New Jersey has a constitutional obligation to provide through its land use regulations a realistic opportunity for its fair share of its region's present and prospective needs for housing for low- and moderate-income families; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed P.L. 2024, c.2. into law, establishing a new framework for determining and enforcing municipalities' affordable housing obligations under the New Jersey Supreme Court's Mount Laurel doctrine and the New Jersey Fair Housing Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et al.); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1(f)(2)(a), participating municipalities must adopt a housing element and fair share plan on or before June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2025, the Borough of Netcong Planning Board adopted the "Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan Borough of Netcong, New Jersey" prepared by Phillips Preiss Grygiel Leheny Keller LLC, under the signatures of Elizabeth C. Leheny, P.P. and Paul A. Phillips, P.P., dated June, 2025, said adoption having occurred after hearing as duly noticed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-13 (a copy of the Resolution and Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan are appended hereto as Schedule A); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Director No. 14-12 of the Superior Court, the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan must not only be adopted by the Planning Board but also adopted by the governing body of the Borough; and

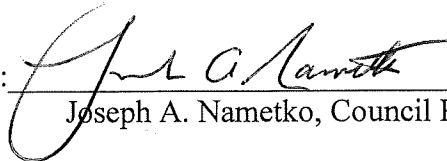
WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong has reviewed the action of the Netcong Borough Planning Board and the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan as prepared and finds that the plan is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Borough of Netcong's Master Plan and that the adoption and implementation of the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan are in the public interest and protect the public health, safety and promote the general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Netcong, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That it hereby endorses and adopts the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan as appended hereto as Schedule A and as adopted by the Borough of Netcong Planning Board.
2. A notice of this endorsement and a copy of this Resolution, the adopted Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and all supporting documentation shall be made available for public inspection at the Borough of Netcong Municipal Clerk's Office located at 23 Maple Avenue, Netcong, New Jersey 07857 during the normal business hours.
3. The Borough Council hereby authorizes and directs its professionals to file with the Court the Housing Element & Fair Share Plan, accompanying Resolutions and any and all documents that are deemed necessary and required pursuant to P.L. 2024, c. 2 and such other law.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BOROUGH OF NETCONG

By:




Joseph A. Nametko, Council President

Dated:

6/24/25

CERTIFICATION

I, Cynthia Eckert, Clerk of the Borough of Netcong, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough at a special meeting held on June 24, 2025.



Cynthia Eckert, Borough Clerk