

**SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF NETCONG BOROUGH, INC.  
NETCONG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
September 25, 2014  
6:30 p.m.  
Minutes**

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

II. Attendance and Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Ralph Blakeslee		x
Stephen Fredericks	x	
Dr. Winfred Ginter	x	
Bob Hathaway	x	
Bill Lerman	x	
Joseph Nametko		x
Maria Patamia	x	
Vic Pocerobba	x	
Kathy Robbins	Arrived 7:15	
Leigh Ann Von Hagen	x	
Dave Weippert		x

III. Open Public Meetings Act 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 Netcong Borough Hall on January 2, 2014 and 2) faxing a notice to The Daily Record, the official newspaper of the Borough of Netcong on December 31, 2013.

IV. Public Comment

**Frank Koval:** not much to say at moment. I'm a proxy rep for the group. I want to hear about the goings on with NCP and plan is for this year. Nothing on agenda yet for me to comment on. A lot was said at the last Council meeting.

What was the outcome on Dave Weippert as far as his Trustee seat?

There is another business organization the group is putting together and they presented to the Recreation Commission last night about what they want to do and help with.

**Bill Lerman:** Dave was reinstated.

**Dr. Ginter:** Can you fill me in, who's "they?"

**Frank Koval:** Business heads. We don't have a spokesmen yet. We'll have a presentation at next council with information on how to pay for tree lighting and decorations. Will be like the old Netcong Business Association.

**Vic Pocerobba:** Is that to work with conjunction with or in place of the NCP?

**Frank Koval:** The Council's intention is to suspend assessments toward NCP.

**Vic Pocerobba:** A group of business owners to mirror what NCP is doing, but going to solicit contributions from business? Sounds like an idea that will not work so well.

**Frank Koval:** Not really, but we don't have the overhead like NCP has now.

**Bob Hathaway:** The Netcong Businessman's Association is a well-noted abysmal failure.

**Frank Koval:** NCP is a failure, it's a failure to me, it's a failure to most businesses. Have still yet to find out which businesses think NCP benefits them.

**Vic Pocerobba:** one is welcome to their opinion.

**Bob Hathaway:** You benefit because you received a benefit of a sign grant.

**Maria Patamia:** You come complain that NCP doesn't benefit you, but at the very least, you received a sign grant in the past.

**Frank Koval:** I never got anything but \$2,000. Jan of this year, you said wait to see what we have for you. I expected to see the Mayor, he said he was going to interview me and write up a story - he has not.

**Bob Hathaway:** That is the exercise the board does as a function. You and others are not engaging this organization in a fair way.

**Maria Patamia:** Have you written an article about your business.?

**Bob Hathaway:** The mayor should not be promising action of this board. He did say he was going to visit you, and every one of us believed he would. This board was asked to affect a certain work set. In May, Mr. Laurey's facilitated a list of businesses that was not even the correct. Instead of NCP working on thier directives, the board spent time figuring out the business list. That was a big work-set that this board accomplished that didn't benefit any of the businesses. Dr. Ginter has held this argument. Because the town did not have an accurate list of all the businesses, the NCP had to fill in the gaps at great expense in time and money.

**Frank Koval:** I didn't say that you shouldn't exist because you don't know all the businesses. I did receive money for a grant that was many years ago. I don't sit at the computer watching what NCP and Netcong does to be well informed about what was happening.

**Bob Hathaway:** The function of this board isn't meant to go out and find you. It is to the business community and the business.

**Frank Koval:** I didn't know I could find you. It was perfect time to receive the grant money that I needed. I didn't beg anyone for it.

**Bob Hathaway:** You probably would have known more about what the NCP does, but we've been dealing with these time consuming Borough issues since May.

**Vic Pocerobba:** We just spent 15 minutes debating history, some forethought, some afterthought. We are not having productive meetings. Much as some of you thinking we are not doing the right thing. Your beef sounds like it's with the Boro and not here. Dr. Ginter feels much of what NCP does is actually the Borough's responsibility.

**Bob Hathaway:** I've been talking about this list of businesses since last year.

**Frank Koval:** I don't expect this organization to pamper my business.

**Dr. Ginter:** If you had a businesses on Main St. I suspect NCP would function better for you. You may not get direct benefits.

**LA Von Hagen:** Who presented to the Rec Committee last night?

**Frank Koval:** Joe Palumbo

**Dr. Ginter:** If you look at this organization, would you come back and say what you would do. I would like you to present us with your answer to, "This is what I would do if I ran NCP." Historically, if you try to take something apart and start over, it's less productive than fixing what isn't working. Take two organizations – one volunteer and one mandatory, the volunteer org will always fall away. I would like you to come back and give us some ideas.

**Frank Koval:** I'm open to it.

### **Close Public Session**

- V. Discussion about September 11, 2014 Council meeting – Councilman Hathaway updated us on what happened at the Council meeting.
- VI. Executive Director's Report – See Attached
- VII. Treasurer Report – See Attached
- VIII. Committee Reports - all reports were entered into the record.
  - A. Executive Committee  
*Administrative Issues, Insurance, Accounting, Establishes Committee Budgets, and Yearly Audits*  
**Bill Lerman – President**
  - B. Finance Committee  
*Budgets, Grants, Revenue Building*  
**Kathy Robbins – Chair**
  - C. Special Events Committee  
*Farmers Market, Netcong Day, Holiday Events and New Events*  
**Maria Patamia – Chair**
  - D. Publishing Committee  
*Website, Directory, Community Calendar, Street Map including Events Locations, Social Media*  
**Steve Fredericks – Chair**
  - E. Property Enrichment – Streetscape/ Parking Lot/Town Center  
*Improvements and Enhancements, Signage, Fixtures, Owners Assistance Program, Jump Start Program for New Businesses, Façade/Sign Application Program and Submitted Application Review*  
**Bob Hathaway – Chair**

F. By Laws and Legal Issues  
*Corporate By Laws Maintenance and Legal Issues*  
**Vic Pocarobba – Chair**

- IX. Motion to table meeting minutes of August 28, 2014 until October 16, 2014 meeting.

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ralph Blakeslee						x
Stephen Fredericks			x			
Dr. Winfred Ginter		x	x			
Bob Hathaway	x		x			
Bill Lerman			x			
Joseph Nametko						x
Maria Patamia			x			
Vic Pocarobba			x			
Kathy Robbins			x			
Leigh Ann Von Hagen			x			
Dave Weippert						x

- X. Motion to approve the bill's list for September 2014.

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ralph Blakeslee						x
Stephen Fredericks			x			
Dr. Winfred Ginter			x			
Bob Hathaway	x		x			
Bill Lerman			x			
Joseph Nametko						x
Maria Patamia		x	x			
Vic Pocarobba			x			
Kathy Robbins			x			
Leigh Ann Von Hagen			x			
Dave Weippert						x

- XI. Old Business

- XII. New Business

- XIII. Adjournment

**Motion by Bob Hathaway, with a second from Maria Patamia – all in favor meeting ended at 8:12pm**

## **NCP Committee Members 2014**

### **Executive Committee**

Bill Lerman-President  
Maria Patamia-Vice President  
Kathy Robbins-Treasurer  
Ralph Blakeslee- Assistant Secretary  
Leigh Ann Von Hagen- Secretary  
Gina Thomas-Executive Director

### **Finance**

Kathy Robbins-Chairperson  
Bill Lerman  
Maria Patamia  
Bob Hathaway  
Gina Thomas

### **Special Events**

Maria Patamia-Chairperson  
Joe Nametko  
Bob Hathaway  
Leigh Ann Von Hagen  
Dr. Winfred Ginter

### **Publishing**

Stephen Fredericks-Chairperson  
Bill Lerman  
Maria Patamia  
Eric Koby  
Marty Pisano  
William Baumgartner

### **Property Enrichment/Streetscape/Parking Lot/Town Center**

Bob Hathaway-Chairperson  
Bill Lerman  
Kathy Robbins  
Leigh Ann Von Hagen  
Maria Patamia

### **By Laws and Legal Issues**

Vic Pocerobba-Chairperson  
Bob Hathaway  
Bill Lerman