

Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, May 11, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Present: Kristina Dousharm [KD] (Chair), Amanda Bodian [AB], Dan Budd [DB], Chris Klose [CK] (Secretary), Ken Migliorelli [KM], Marty Reilingh [MR], Emily Sachar [ES], Vanessa Shafer [VS], members; Jacob Testa [JT] (Town Board liaison to the EDC), Melkorka Kjarval [MK] (Trustee, Village of Red Hook); George Jahn [GJ]

Call to Order: With a quorum present, Chair Dousharm called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes: On a motion by Ms. Bodian and second by Dr. Reilingh, the Minutes of 05-04-2022 were approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Updates – KD: Property assessment discussion; Grant update: Town searching for an experienced administrator and expecting responses from NYS agencies, especially housing; Patterns for Progress (Poughkeepsie) could be an administrator partner – MK to provide contact; MR: suggests Town is not going to administer the grant or is seeking a partner to do so, such as an agency; JT: probably an organization and not a single contractor; TBD.

AB: New maps to be distributed shortly to more than 150 sites around the area;

ES: Bard intern very likely to help this summer, including door-to-door canvassing; Audubon International Certification for Red Hook – survey the townspeople re: a sustainable Red Hook; prior two years reviewed 15 different areas and action items (as per AI presentation at: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xRpt2nl_9y9aP4hiAfr0JByQAaJhWNN3/mobilerepresent?slide=id.p1); Timing TBD. DB: any commercial sustainability “action items?” Nothing specific to businesses;

VS: Chamber of Commerce seeking new executive director; ES to follow up;

Website: CK to convene meeting with Mayor Smythe and Dick Wambach.

Next Meeting: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 18, 2022, via Zoom.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary