

**Economic Development Committee**  
**Wednesday, September 14, 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], Jacob Testa [JT] (Town Board *liaison* to the EDC) members; Karen Smythe [KS] (Mayor, Village of Red Hook), Melkorka Kjarval [MK] (Village of Red Hook Trustee); George Jahn [GJ]

**Call to Order:** With a quorum present, Chair Dousharm called the meeting to order at 8:34a.m.

**Minutes:** Meeting Minutes of 07-06-2022, 06-22-2022 and 09-07-2022 moved by MR with a second from AB were approved unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Updates** – JT: Community Block Development grants in progress with update at next meeting; Red Hook in the Hudson Valley website status up in the air; MR: consider owning the url; MK: website remains live, so there is time to coordinate; DB: good to have the url for commercial purposes, with Dick Wambach transferring the registration process to the Chamber of Commerce for outreach to individual businesses; JT: good for the Town to have the website, with time to direct it to other entities; MR: static page with links would work; DB: agreed and the Red Hook Chamber of Commerce is best home for it, with biennial “cleaning”;

JT: Town Board work through the summer includes replacing water infrastructure; limiting heavy truck traffic in certain areas; MR: long-term, is there a plan for updating the Comprehensive Plan? (JT: grant has been submitted, yes) and for affordable housing? (JT: yes, please have interested parties signify their interest in participating; committee being formed, with outreach to the Villages; nine-member committee reflecting various interests/disciplines); Spectrum service continues in discussion with the Town Board – renewal of contract but Town insists upon improved service(!) and funding for Panda TV23;

MK: Hardscrabble Day on Saturday with Neighbors Night on Friday; perfect weather forecasted, lots of community music, food, booths, etc;

MR: Real estate status – same; ES: Steen Valetje sold for \$18.5 million to an LLC (<https://westfaironline.com/real-estate/red-hooks-steen-valetje-estate-sells-at-a-discounted-price/>);

DB: Red Hook Responds ready for Hardscrabble Day!

CK: Second Annual Cemetery Crawl opens on Hardscrabble Day; fun for the family!

KD: Next steps for the consolidated business list? Include the Bard intern and the Chamber at next EDC meeting, and verify the Town’s list; MK: trying to

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develop a renters' email list, maybe by connecting through the Post Office, if feasible; KD: also, partner with groups developing content for their websites; also, from the intern, the status of the list: how many contacts, difficulty of the process (ES to contact intern for confirmation);

CK: resume in-person meetings? JT: Online meeting mandate has expired, so in-person meetings have resumed; AB and MR agree that online is convenient but in-person is best;

**Next Meeting:** 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at the Village Hall, first floor Court room;

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary