

Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, October 12, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Present: Kristina Dousharm [KD] (Chair), Amanda Bodian [AB1], Chris Klose [CK] (Secretary), Ken Migliorelli [KM], Maarty Reilingh [MR], Vanessa Shafer [VS], Jacob Testa (Town of Red Hook trustee, *ex officio*) members; Karen Smythe [KS] (Mayor, Village of Red Hook); Agatha Bacelar [AB2] (Executive Director, Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce); George Jahn [GJ]

Call to Order: With a quorum present, Chair Dousharm called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Minutes: Meeting Minutes of 09-21-2022 moved by MR with a second from AB were approved unanimously.

Updates: KD – Ms. Cunningham to open cheese/deli/market on the former J&J's corner in the spring of 2023; KDA has been retained by Cooper's Daughter, a spirits maker from Claverack, to build a production facility on Route 9 south of Upper Red Hook (on the old Stagias farm stand site); the Reclaimed Motel has acquired additional Stagias acreage across Route 9; also, Locavore (purveyor of prepared foods and coffee) has opened in the village;

KS – Sewer progressing on schedule; concerns being taken care of by the project manager; Halloween Parade on October 29, people-powered, at 1:00 pm. Village not applying for New York Forward grant this year but developing a plan of shovel-ready projects for future grant funding, such as a speed zone on Rt. 199 in front of the High School; Phase 2 of the Village sewer project is under discussion;

JT – Community development block grant not moving forward due to severe timing requirements by NYS; Town and Village working to find solutions to provide infrastructure in the TND; Town has applied for comprehensive plan update funding;

AB2 – Chamber directors to meet Wednesdays beginning 10/19; collaborating with the Village to improve signage, slow traffic, brighten the streetscape and offer a warmer, more welcoming greeting to passersby and visitors; new Chamber newsletter about to debut;

KD – EDC and Chamber should collaborate to update, coordinate business lists;

AB1 – climate change: recommend EDC champion Climate Smart, the NYS program, to promote investment in and wider communication about climate-aware improvements (Laurie Husted is the contact);

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Next Meeting: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at the Village Hall, first floor Court room.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary