

Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Present: Kristina Dousharm [KD] (Chair), Dan Budd [DB], Chris Klose [CK] (Secretary), Ken Migliorelli [KM], Maarty Reilingh [MR], Emily Sachar [ES], Jacob Testa (*ex officio*), Town of Red Hook Board liaison to the EDC, members; Karen Smythe [KS] (Mayor *interim*, Village of Red Hook), Melkorka Kjarval (Red Hook Village Board Trustee), George Jahn [GJ], Victor Feldman [VF] (*Red Hook Daily Catch*)

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

Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Migliorelli and second by Dr. Reilingh the Committee unanimously approved the Minutes of 02-02-2022

Old Business:

Updates – KD: DRAFT survey to both villages and the Town for review; JT: forwarded it to the Board for review/action; KS: ditto; KD: on hold until feedback; ES: two-page NYS Grant pamphlet to link to from the survey; DB: sent a sample RHR survey to the State, which only needs to see survey results, so EDC survey would only need to be backed up by business owner payroll information;

KD: reimbursement arduous or not? KS: just paperwork that needs to follow procedures; DB: could be prudent to apply for a specific grant amount, at least \$300K; three to four weeks out-of-pocket for reimbursement by NYS; KD: feedback by end of the month, so need to wait til then to respond, prep the final survey for distribution; ES: upgrade the e-list? Could be part of the grant to hire an updater;

MK: After-storm pickup underway; Jen Cavanagh is new Village Clerk; zoning public hearing on Monday next at 7:00 pm.

KM: what happens to the electric-driven sewage system if and when the power goes out?; also, on Village rezoning, is my stand in Neighborhood Mixed Use? MK: appears to be on the new zoning map, yes;

KD: any regular contact with Tivoli? DB: Yes, the mayor is responsive, and will bring him up to speed; MR: sent 4th Q real estate report in January for review; KD: EDC distribution of a quarterly newsletter to the business list? Or focus on the grant until complete? DB: prefer quarterly business update via MailChimp to raise awareness, generate involvement; EDC has an account, so it would be free; KD: consider content, discuss next meeting;

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Next Meeting: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2022, via Zoom.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary