

Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, March 16, 2022
Meeting Minutes — Approved by EDC, 3/23/2022

Present: Kristina Dousharm [KD] (Chair), Amanda Bodian [AB], Dan Budd [DB], Ken Migliorelli [KM], Maarty Reilingh [MR], Emily Sachar [ES], Vanessa Shafer (VS - arr 9:15) members; Melkorka Kjarval (MK - Red Hook Village Board Trustee), Kim McGrath (KM - RH Chamber)

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

Minutes: Minutes of 3/9/22, Amended and Approved.

Old Business:

KD — NYS Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) CARES — Town Supervisor has set time on Board agenda Mar 23 for EDC. Has expressed concern about possible administrative burden to Town of Cares grants. We are focused on 3 general groups: small qualifying businesses, farm worker housing, Red Hook Responds.

ES summarized possible administrative issues:

- 1) Who authors the letter of intent (the initial idea) and then the 23-page grant proposal? (Emily has volunteered)
- 2) Who retains the manager to run the program (presuming we get the 5% funding off the top to do so)?
- 3) Who finds and manages the financial piece? And can the Town bridge the funding gap while we await for reimbursements?
- 4) Who manages follow-up activities with the state afterwards?

Actions for prior to Town Board meeting: KM continue to reach out. KD, ES, KM review survey of Red Hook farmers. ES to check availability of State rep.

Village Update: MK - Village Interim Election: Mayor, Karen Smythe elected to 1-year term; Trustee, Declan Dwyer-McNulty, elected to 1-year term.

KM — Migliorelli Farms undergoing business reorganization.

RH Chamber: KM — Chamber operating with Volunteer staff (KM) — has some upcoming activities. Businesses generally slow, more evening activity needed.

DB - Taste Budd's continues to operate reduced hours. Looking forward to increased spring activity and Dutchess County Fair.

Adjourned — 9:35 AM

Next Meeting — March 23, 2022, 8:30 AM

Submitted by Maarten Reilingh