

Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Present: Kristina Dousharm [KD] (Chair), Amanda Bodian [AB], Ken Migliorelli [KM], Maarty Reilingh [MR], Emily Sachar [ES], members; Kim McGrath [KMcG] (Red Hook Chamber of Commerce), Karen Smythe [KS] (Mayor, Village of Red Hook), Melkorka Kjarval [MK] (Red Hook Village Trustee), Jacob Testa [JT] (Red Hook Town Board liaison)

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 and second by KM, the corrected Minutes of 04-06-2022 were approved unanimously.

Business: KM: Town Board Meeting last night. Board discussed CDB Grant and scheduled public hearings. Board did express concern that all eligible farmers be reached. Also, **Ken** spoke on State assistance in form of school tax rebate to farmers to compensate for mandatory minimum wages. Tax credit for farmers who pay for overtime pay between 40 & 60 hrs. They receive this credit only if they also receive school tax rebate. To receive the school tax rebate, the farmer has to show his/her income is 2/3 or more from agriculture.

ES: Can we use Bard Students to help reach all farmers — and to help us keep current business registry? **KS:** Bard intern has been able to provide Village with several hours per week — focused activity best, weekly meeting with supervisor has worked out. **ES** will reach out to Erin Canaan at Bard.

ES contacted JB Peel about possibility of CDB Grant application. But we must send out survey to find out other possible applicants.

KD: Has reviewed survey with Town Supervisor and it is ready. **JT:** Board members did make some specific suggestion for survey. He is sending them to ES and KD now. They will adapt as possible, but survey goes out at 10:30 AM today.

KS: Asked to review EDC history, especially with regard to Village involvement. General discussion of Village needs and business potential, and appropriate roles of Village and EDC. EDC will invite Village owners of commercial spaces for further discussion.

Next Meeting: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 20, 2022, via Zoom.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Maarten Reilingh