

Economic Development Committee, Town of Red Hook
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 8, 2010

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m. by Michelle R. Martin, chair, at the Red Hook Town Hall.

Present: Michelle R. Martin, chairperson; Christopher Klose, secretary; Christopher Clark, Theresa Haney, Beth Jones, Ben Shute, members; Micki Strawinski, Red Hook Town Board liaison.

Not present: Brad Mitchell, member.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Ms. Martin, with a second by Mr. Klose, the Committee approved the minutes of the meeting of March 25, 2010 (attached).

Old Business: After Ms. Martin distributed the agenda for the meeting (attached), the Committee discussed:

1. Committee roster – After conferring with Ms Clark, Mr. Klose will call committee members and complete the roster prior to the next meeting, April 22.
2. Bard College intern – After discussion, Mr. Klose volunteered to serve as committee secretary.
3. Zoning Review Committee Liaison – On a motion by Ms. Martin, with a second by Ms. Jones, the Committee appointed Mr. Klose to be liaison to the Zoning Review Committee, which meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month.
4. Short-term Goals –
 - Inter-committee communication – The committee will reach out to Red Hook's various boards and advisory committees to foster better, more integrated communication. As part of this outreach effort, Ms. Martin, Ms. Jones and Mr. Klose agreed to develop an easy-to-use format which committees could use to fulfill their requirement to report monthly progress to the Town Board.
 - Economic Development – As part of his continuing research, Mr. Shute reported on the Appalachian Center for Economic Networks (see attached).
 - Community visioning – Ms. Haney and Mr. Clark said they were continuing to research how to develop a creative, community-wide visioning process for Red Hook (see attached "Notes" of April 2, 2010). Ms. Haney contacted John MacEnroe, president and CEO, Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation, who has offered to meet with the committee. To assist its own vision and mission, the committee accepted Mr. Klose's offer to facilitate a one-half day Strategic Planning Session, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 8, 2010 (agenda to be forthcoming).

Adjournment: Ms. Martin, chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Klose, Secretary

Date