

Economic Development Committee, Town of Red Hook
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 19, 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, Susan Kochanowski, Ben Shute, members; Micki Strawinski, Town Board liaison.

Welcome: Ms. Martin welcomed Dr. Susan Kochanowski to the Committee as its newest member, appointed by the Town Board.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Shute, with a second by Ms. Martin, the Committee approved the minutes of the meeting of Friday, July 23, 2010 (attached).

Old Business:

Centers and Greenspaces Plan/Local Law – After discussion of New York State enterprise zones, which feature reduced tax rates to encourage economic growth, members agreed to invite Maryanne Johnson, Northern Dutchess Alliance, and Michelle Greig, Greenplan, Inc., town planner, to the committee’s next meeting, August 26, to describe how they are created and function. The Committee’s draft Statement on the Centers and Greenspaces Plan will be expanded to include support of enterprise zones.

Strategic Planning – With the Strategic Plan vision and mission statement complete, Ms. Martin presented a consolidated matrix of tasks underway (attached). It was agreed that the various organizational lists being compiled should include at least the three- to five most important groups, with their relevant information – name, purpose, total membership, regular meeting times and place, key contact person(s), telephone number(s) and email addresses. Mr. Clark is to refine his list of religious, educational and non-profit institutions accordingly. Mr. Klose is to develop a local media contact list. Ms. Haney is to develop key information for land use and conservation groups, including: Scenic Hudson, Winnikee Land Trust, the Dutchess Conservancy, Northern Dutchess Alliance, Historic Hudson Valley/Montgomery Place, Sustainable Hudson Valley, Sloop Clearwater and Riverkeepers. The goal is to have the lists verified and in-place by September 1, 2010, preparatory to initiating the Committee’s communication outreach to the Red Hook Town Board and Advisory Committees, followed by other key groups.

Committee Roster – Ms. Jones agreed prepare and present a design for the roster to the Committee at its next meeting, Thursday, August 26.

Agriculture Roundtable – Mr. Shute reported that local farmers continue to visit each others’ operations, most recently the Shoving Leopard CSA at Rokeby.

Adjournment: Ms. Martin, chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Klose, Secretary

Date