

**Economic Development Committee, Town of Red Hook**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 9, 2010**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by Michelle R. Martin, chair, at the Red Hook Town Hall.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** On a motion by Mr. Shute, with a second by Dr. Kochanowski, the Committee approved the minutes, as amended, of the meeting of Thursday, August 26, 2010 (attached).

**Old Business:**

Centers and Greenspaces Plan/Local Law – Ms. Martin is to extend the committee’s invitation to Maryann Johnson, Northern Dutchess Alliance, and Michelle Greig, Greenplan, Inc., Red Hook town planner, to meet with the committee at its September 23 meeting. Each will give a five-minute overview of their respective responsibilities and involvement with the Centers and Greenspaces Plan, followed by twenty minutes of discussion with Committee members.

Mr. Klose is to locate and distribute information about the recent formation of the New York State “Excelsior” program, the successor to the “Empire” economic development zone program, which ended in June.

Strategic Planning – The committee agreed to complete the various lists of key organizations and individuals compiled by members by the September 23 meeting. Mr. Klose, with Mr. Shute’s assistance, said he would begin meeting with key Red Hook farmers over the next two months to ascertain their principal business concerns and needs.

Community Visioning – The Committee agreed that April 2011 is a reasonable target date for initiating the community visioning process.

2011 Budget – After discussion, the committee affirmed that members would provide their budget estimates to Ms. Martin for her to consolidate and pass along to the Town Board, for its review, by COB Monday, September 20.

**New Business:**

Hardscrabble Day – Ms. Strawinski said that Hardscrabble Day would be Saturday, September 25, and urged members to participate.

Northern Dutchess Exposure – Ms. Strawinski affirmed that Bard College would be the venue, on Saturday, October 5, of the Northern Dutchess Exposure employment day.

Tivoli Economic Development Committee – Ms. Martin reported that she had met with Bob Zises (sp?), who has initiated an economic development committee for the Village of Tivoli, with the goal of linking Tivoli’s efforts with those of Red Hook and Rhinebeck.

Sky Park Development – Ms. Martin said that she had met with Ted Saad (sp?) about his plans for developing the 100-acre Sky Park airport.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Christopher Klose, Secretary

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Date