

Economic Development Committee
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Thursday, February 9, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Present: Todd Baright, Harry Colgan (*ex officio*), Beth Jones, Chris Klose, Laura Pensiero, Ben Shute, members; Amanda Bodian, provisional member; Brent Kovalchik (Deputy Mayor of Red Hook), Kim Gomez (Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce), Juliet Harrison (Red Hook CAN) and Micki Strawinski, volunteers.

Not Present: Dan Budd, member; Ed Blundell, Mayor, Village of Red Hook, volunteer.

Call to Order: Chris Klose, interim chair, called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Baright and a second by Mr. Shute, the committee unanimously approved the Minutes of Thursday, January 26, 2012.

Old Business:

1. Membership – Mr. Colgan said that he would clarify EDC membership qualifications with the Town Board and if, as stated in the 2009 EDC Task Force Report (carried on the official Town of Red Hook Web site) that four of the nine members may reside outside town limits, if they own and operated businesses within the township, then he would commend the Town Board approve Ms. Bodian’s membership, pending since December 2011.

The Committee thanked Mr. Shute for his “exemplary service to the Town of Red Hook” during his term, now concluding, as a Committee member and wished him, his wife, Lindsey, and their newborn daughter, Piper Damaris Shute, the best of luck with their new Hearty Roots Farm CSA in Clermont.

2. 2012 Operating Statement and Goals – After review, the Committee agreed its mission for 2012 is “to support and retain existing and complementary businesses to enhance economic viability.” Principal goals for the year include developing a list of “top businesses” to attract to Red Hook, develop a self-sustaining business concept for the now-vacant IGA, and complete the Red Hook promotional video.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 23, 2012 at the Red Hook Village Hall.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary