

Economic Development Committee
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 28, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Present: Todd Baright, Amanda Bodian, Chris Klose, Laura Pensiero, Harry Colgan (*ex officio*), members; Rich Biezynski, Red Hook Ag & Open Spaces Committee; Ed Blundell (Mayor of Red Hook), Brent Kovalchik (Deputy Mayor of Red Hook), Juliet Harrison (Red Hook CAN).

Not Present: Dan Budd, Beth Jones, Ken Migliorelli, George Verrilli, members; Kim Gomez (Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce), Micki Strawinski, volunteer.

Call to Order: Chris Klose, chair, called the meeting to order when a quorum was present at 8:36 a.m.

Minutes: On a motion by Ms. Bodian and a second by Ms. Pensiero, the committee unanimously approved the Minutes of Thursday, June 14, 2012.

Old Business:

1. Red Hook Promotional Video – As reported, a rough cut of the video is being prepared and the finished, privately funded video will be made available free for posting on the Internet, through social media and on organizational Web sites.
2. IGA – Mr. Klose reported that a basic concept paper is being prepared and will be distributed for review when it is finished.

New Business:

1. Round-Robin Reports – Mr. Biezynski reported the new Red Hook Summer Market was going well. Ms. Pensiero announced that her Gigi Farm Market restaurant had introduced family-style, fixed price dinners for the summer. Mr. Kovalchik said 23 benches would soon be placed around the village, that two contracts for sidewalk improvements had been let and the village has been awarded a \$1.3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to upgrade the village water system. Mr. Baright said that Bread & Bottle bakery and wine bar would open soon in the former Merritt Bookstore. Ms. Harrison reported that Red Hook CAN's new space was excellent; a juried photo show would open on July 13; the gallery would showcase the work of Cayman Johnson, a 2012 Red Hook Central High School graduate in July, and that RHCAN would have a late-October fund raising event at Bard's Hessel Museum. Councilman Colgan said that the Painted Bistro was being considered for possible redevelopment into a combined farm market and restaurant. Mr. Biezynski

commented on what a superb year for daylilies it is and suggested the town consider hosting a Red Hook Daylily Festival to attract tourists. Ms. Bodian reported improved customer traffic at the Red Hook Emporium and that it would soon present an exhibit on the history of the Voorhis Tiebout Company, soap dispenser manufacturers.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July, 12, 2012 at the Red Hook Village Hall.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary