

Economic Development Committee
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Thursday, October 11, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Present: Amanda Bodian, Dan Budd, Kate Karakassis, Chris Klose, Laura Pensiero, Harry Colgan (*ex officio*), members; Ed Blundell (Mayor of Red Hook), Kim Gomez (Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce); Rich Biezynski (Red Hook Ag & Open Spaces Committee).

Not Present: Todd Baright, Beth Jones, Ken Migliorelli, George Verrilli, members; Brent Kovalchik (Deputy Mayor of Red Hook), Juliet Harrison (Red Hook CAN); Johanna Bard (Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce).

Call to Order: Chris Klose, chair, called the meeting to order when a quorum was present at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Budd and a second by Ms. Bodian, the committee unanimously approved the Minutes of Thursday, September 13, 2012.

Old Business:

1. Survey of Red Hook Businesses – The Committee set the following goals for the survey:

- Develop a better understanding of local businesses' needs; prospects; barriers to growth; expectations from local government; management processes; labor force requirements; marketing and communication skills/resources/plans; attitude toward/capacity for cooperating with peers;
- Use the survey results to form a unique Red Hook identity;
- Develop a brief, compelling story of how Red Hook is different.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 25, 2012 at the Red Hook Village Hall.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary