

**Economic Development Committee**  
**8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 25, 2013**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Todd Baright, Kate Karakassis, Chris Klose, Ken Migliorelli, Laura Pensiero, Harry Colgan (*ex officio*), members; Kim Gomez (Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce); Ed Blundell (Mayor of Red Hook), Brent Kovalchik (Deputy Mayor of Red Hook).

**Not Present:** Amanda Bodian, Dan Budd, George Verrilli, members; Rich Biezynski (Red Hook Ag & Open Spaces Committee),

**Call to Order:** Chris Klose, chair, called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

**Minutes:** On a motion by Mr. Baright and a second by Ms. Karakassis, the committee unanimously approved the Minutes of Thursday, May 23, 2013.

**Old Business:**

1. Social Media (Public Relations) – Via email, Ms. Pensiero reported that Mary Kay Vrba, Dutchess County Tourism executive director, will join the EDC at its September 10 meeting to discuss the countywide survey she conducted with Young Strategies, a Virginia-based public relations firm, especially any information specific to Red Hook. She also will offer insight as to opportunities there may be to expand agri-tourism in Red Hook.
2. EDC Newspaper Column – Mr. Baright distributed copies of his inaugural column for the EDC and for Mr. Klose to deliver personally to Mr. Munn, Observer publisher. Ms. Pensiero is to follow with a column on social media for September.
3. Committee Membership – Mr. Klose reported that Beth Jones has resigned from the EDC. At the suggestion of Mr. Verrilli and the concurrence of members, Mr. Klose will contact Jacob Bump to gauge his interest in serving.
4. CVS/IGA Development – After discussion, on a motion by Mr. Baright and a second by Ms. Karakassis, the Committee unanimously agreed to a letter in support of the Village's position preferring the May 15, 2013 revised plan – CP-7 – submitted by CVS' developer, which was rejected by CVS corporate headquarters.

**New Business:**

1. Empire State Grant – After discussion, the Committee agreed that the requirements were too detailed and demanding, and the deadline too severe, to submit an application for an Empire State Grant. The Committee will consider future ones, however, given longer lead times.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, August 8, 2013** at the Red Hook Village Hall.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary