

Economic Development Committee
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Thursday, October 23, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Present: Todd Baright, Amanda Bodian, Chris Klose, Ken Migliorelli, George Verrilli, Harry Colgan (*ex officio*), members; Ed Blundell (Mayor of Red Hook), Brent Kovalchik (Deputy Mayor of Red Hook)

Not Present: Dan Budd, Laura Pensiero, members; Kim Gomez (Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce)

Call to Order: With a quorum present, Chris Klose, chair, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Minutes: On a motion by Ms. Bodian and a second by Dr. Verrilli, the committee unanimously approved the Minutes of Wednesday, October 9, 2013.

Old Business:

1. Membership – The Committee welcomed Jacob Bump’s interest in serving as a member. He will submit an application letter to the Town Board.
2. What to Do in Red Hook – Red Hook Community Arts Network (CAN) won the County Executive’s award for its Expo 2013 sculpture show. CAN is to help coordinate next year’s Bard College “Summer Scape” program, which has been awarded an “Our Town” grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.
3. Marketing Red Hook – The Committee discussed various ideas for attracting more people, including history and arts walking tours, a chocolate festival, and other ideas. After discussion, the Committee also agreed to write to the Town Board requesting them to re-examine the issue of commercial property tax evaluations with regard to the Community Preservation Fund (see attached).

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, November 6, 2013** at the Red Hook Village Hall.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary