

DRAFT
Economic Development Committee
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 27, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Present: Dick Wambach (Chair), Amanda Bodian, Dan Budd, Kristina Dousharm, Chris Klose (Secretary), Marty Reilingh, members; Ed Blundell (Mayor of Red Hook), Tim Lynch (Red Hook Rotary Club); Kim McGrath (Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce); Doreen De Carolis, Vanessa and Dan Shafer (Gaslight Motel, Upper Red Hook); Kathy Gravino, Red Hook Village Merchants Group

Not Present: Todd Baright, Harry Colgan (*ex officio*), Ken Migliorelli, Erin Moore, Kevin Mowry, Jessica Stingo, George Verrilli, members; Brent Kovalchik (Deputy Mayor of Red Hook)

Call to Order: With a quorum present, Mr. Wambach called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Minutes: On a motion by Ms. Bodian and second by Mr. Budd, the Committee unanimously approved the corrected Minutes of September 13, 2017 (attached).

Old Business:

- **Gaslight Motel, Upper Red Hook** – Vanessa and Dan Shafer reviewed the history of their proposed expansion of the Gaslight Motel, including the steps, costs and time involved since its inception in 2015 (see attached Timeline). After discussion, Mr. Klose and Dr. Reilingh volunteered to draft a letter to the Town Board expressing the Committee's concern over the apparently protracted review and approval process, noting it is antithetical to local laws, such as the Centers & Greenspaces, passed overwhelmingly by the voters to preserve the town's rural character and stated commitment to agriculture and agrotourism as the economic mainstays of the future.
- **Friday Nigh Lites** – Representing the Village Merchants Group, Ms. Gravino

Next Meeting: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at the Village Hall, second floor.

Adjournment: On a motion by Dr. Reilingh and second by Ms. Dousharm, Chairman Wambach adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary