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Economic Development Committee
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 25, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Present: Dick Wambach (Chair), Kristina Dousharm, Chris Klose (Secretary), Kevin Mowry, Marty Reilingh, George Verrilli, members; Ed Blundell (Mayor of Red Hook), Brent Kovalchik (Deputy Mayor of Red Hook), Kim McGrath (Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce)

Not Present: Todd Baright, Amanda Bodian, Dan Budd, Harry Colgan (*ex officio*), Erin Moore, Jessica Stingo, members;

Call to Order: With a quorum present, Mr. Wambach called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes: On a motion by Dr. Reilingh and second by Dr. Verrilli, the committee unanimously approved the Minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2017.

Old Business:

- **Air B&B** – After discussion, Dr. Reilingh agreed to draft a position statement/recommendation to the Town Board for review at the committee's next meeting.
- **Refugee Resettlement** – Dr. Reilingh and Mr. Klose agreed to draft a position statement for review at the committee's next meeting.
- **Sewer System Update** – Chairman Wambach thanked various committee members and Mayor Blundell and Village officials for working with the local media to generate a spate of recent, factual stories about the new system and its benefits. Following Mr. Kovalchik's update regarding financing, the committee agreed that Mr. Klose would draft another EDC Hi-Notes announcing the Chamber of Commerce's hosting a 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 1 information meeting and "Q&A" about the system at Black Star Social. Committee members are to review, comment ASAP with the goal of distributing a "final" on Thursday, January 26.

New Business:

- **2017 Priorities** – Chairman Wambach asked members to review the "Prioritized Master List for 2017" in order to select the top three for year at the next meeting.

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Next Meetings: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 8 and Wednesday, February 22, at the Red Hook Village Hall, second floor.

Adjournment: Chairman Wambach adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary