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Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, February 3, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Present: Kristina Dousharm (Chair), Amanda Bodian, Dan Budd, Chris Klose (Secretary), Ken Migliorelli, Maarty Reilingh, Vanessa Shafer, Jacob Testa (*ex officio*), members; Ed Blundell (Mayor, Village of Red Hook) Kim McGrath (Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce), Robert McKeon (Supervisor, Town of Red Hook), Emily Sachar

Call to Order: With a quorum present, Chair Dousharm called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Minutes: On a motion by Ms. Bodian and second by Dr. Reilingh, the Committee unanimously approved the Minutes of 01-27-21.

Old Business:

Village Water Main – Broken 02/02/21, fixed but water not potable until it clears, approximately two days; all residences and commercial establishments affected.

EDC membership – Emily Sachar nominated by the committee to serve in place of Dr. Verrilli, who resigned; Town Board to review and approve.

Short Term Rentals (STR) – KD: good progress now in revised two-page draft; forwarded to the committee for review and approval prior to passing on to the Intermunicipal Task Force and the Town Board; cover letter to accompany: “EDC has reviewed other towns’ ordinances and respectfully submits the attached EDC proposal for your consideration.” DB: Business survey is critical to understanding how they can be supported by STRs because the ITF has apparently been considering STRs in terms of their residential impact; KMcG: concur with this and don’t know when the ITF is going to meet with the EDC; KD: they’re on pause until meetings return to in-person format; DB: submit the proposal and keep it in the open

RMcK: Town Board is interested in a collaborative outcome which, as much as possible, represents both points-of-view vis a vis STRs; MR: focus on our positive recommendations/proposed two-pager; DB: work positively with the ITF; ES: Need to update the Comprehensive Plan to accommodate STRs? RMcK: No, but it is time to review the Plan and update it where necessary; MR: good to review the Plan periodically for the long term, not just for STRs per se; KD: we welcome the opportunity to comment on specific issues, like STRs, as well as the Comprehensive Plan;

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EB: Working with our contractors on the sewer plan for bid purposes; two-component bid package; February 25 = Bid openings; preparing for higher-than-anticipated bids, too; Water main break fixed in a day, following all protocols.

DB: RHR callers are alerting as many people as possible to the water situation; lots of RHR action, including report on services at Red Hook Together noon meeting on the 4th; following all Covid guidelines; RMcK: please advise about any older persons who may need help making vaccination appointments;

Next Meeting: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

Adjournment: Chair Dousharm adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary