

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

Present: Dick Wambach (Chair), Todd Baright, Kristina Dousharm, Chris Klose (Secretary), Kevin Mowry, Marty Reilingh, Jessica Stingo, members; Kim McGrath (Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce)

Not Present: Amanda Bodian, Dan Budd, Harry Colgan (*ex officio*), Erin Moore, George Verrilli, members; Ed Blundell (Mayor of Red Hook), Brent Kovalchik (Deputy Mayor of Red Hook)

Call to Order: With a quorum present, Mr. Wambach called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

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

Old Business:

- **Air B&B** – The committee agreed that policy covering Internet-based businesses such as Air B&B was “many sided” and would confer with Town Board liaison Colgan to possibly develop a draft position statement.
- **Refugee Resettlement** – After discussing Dr. Reilingh’s draft statement, members agreed to respond with written comments by Wednesday, February 15, to be incorporated into a new, final draft by Dr. Reilingh for discussion and action at the committee’s February 22.
- **Sewer System Update** – The Committee agreed to help host and publicize more information about the new system, especially for residential and commercial property owners in the village’s proposed sewer district. The committee further agreed that it was best to continue emphasizing the system’s top three benefits: clean, safe drinking water; expanded and new businesses in the village, and more jobs.
- **2017 Priorities** – Mr. Baright remarked that the committee already is meeting two of the top priorities for the year and Chairman Wambach asked members to focus on expanding membership.

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 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary