

DRAFT
Economic Development Committee
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 22, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Present: Dick Wambach (Chair), Todd Baright, Kristina Dousharm, Chris Klose (Secretary), Erin Moore, Kevin Mowry, Marty Reilingh, members; Brent Kovalchik (Deputy Mayor of Red Hook), Kim McGrath (Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce)

Not Present: Amanda Bodian, Dan Budd, Harry Colgan (*ex officio*), Jessica Stingo, George Verrilli, members; Ed Blundell (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 Dr. Reilingh and second by Ms. Moore, the committee unanimously approved the Minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2017.

Old Business:

- **Refugee Resettlement** – After discussion, a motion by Mr. Klose and second by Chairman Wambach, the committee voted six “for,” none “opposed” and two abstentions for recommending that Dr. Reilingh’s draft statement (attached) be forwarded to the Town Board of Red Hook for discussion and potential adoption.

- **Air B&B** – Mr. Wambach thanked Ms. Bodian, who was not present, for advising the committee (via email) that, as of March 1, Dutchess County would begin to assess a 4.0 percent hotel occupancy tax on Internetbooked rental units, a per 1983’s Local Law 11, as extended and amended, requiring “hoteliers” to register and collect tax on bookings.

- **Sewer System Update** – After Mr. Kovalchik’s regular update, in which he noted that the March-to-June period is critical for increasing public awareness of the ins-and-outs and benefits of the new sewer, members agreed that the EDC and the Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce would co-host information meetings for the business community, and that the Red Hook Library should host similar sessions for the residential property owners and tenants. People will be notified by electronic message, postcard and person-to-person contact of the meeting venues, dates and times.

Next Meeting: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 8, at the Red Hook Village Hall, second floor.

Adjournment: Chairman Wambach adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary