

**Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, February 24, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Kristina Dousharm (Chair), Amanda Bodian, Dan Budd, Chris Klose (Secretary), Ken Migliorelli, Maarty Reilingh, Emily Sachar, Vanessa Shafer,, members; Kim McGrath (Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce), George Jahn

Call to Order: With a quorum present, Chair Dousharm called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Minutes: On a motion by Ms. Bodian and second by Dr. Reilingh, the Committee unanimously voted to postpone review and approval of the Minutes of 02-17-21 until the next meeting, March 3, 2021.

Old Business:

ITF Meeting – EDC to meet with the Intermunicipal Task Force (ITF) via **Zoom at 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 26**, with links to be sent in advance, plus the latest drafts of the ITF and EDC proposals. Goal is to discuss the committees' different approaches in order to reach community consensus.

(Chair Dousharm leaves meeting, asks Ms. Sachar to chair)

Ensuing discussion – Not the same clientele in Red Hook as in the Catskills, Columbia County, other places; Rhinebeck putting the brakes on STRs; there will continue to be increased pressure on our local businesses due to the growth of Internet-driven businesses;

Consensus – Chair Dousharm to introduce the EDC's STR proposal intended to ensure the town's economic progress while maintaining Red Hook's rural character; EDC members urged to participate in the discussion with supportive, verified information on STRs in the region (Additional information would be useful, especially the County's data (via Host Compliance), which combines all STR sources, not only AirB&B;

Next Meeting: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary