

**Economic Development Committee  
Wednesday, April 7, 2021  
Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Kristina Dousharm (Chair), Amanda Bodian, Dan Budd, Chris Klose (Secretary), Maarty Reilingh, Emily Sachar, Vanessa Shafer, members; Ed Blundell (Mayor, Village of Red Hook), Kim McGrath (Executive Director, Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce)

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

**Minutes:** On a motion by Dr. Reilingh and second by Ms. Bodian, the Committee unanimously approved the Minutes of 03-31-2021.

**Old Business:**

**Announcements –**

Survey – KD: Business Survey Results via ES: (attached) – discussion ensued; follow up with a paper version of the survey questions, collect the responses to clarify the responses; KMcG/ES to collaborate on follow up via in person, stamped return envelope, etc; KD gives gavel ES for rest of meeting.

Sewer – Village adopted \$8.5 million bid resolution, looking for additional funding to complete the budget, probably through the NYSEFC via long-term 0% financing (indicating price is more because of time lapsed through the process); grant money is preferable (no payback) but no indication from DCty vis a vis a \$2 million infusion from the County's ARA \$57 million; goal is to lower the \$8.5 million as much as possible via any feasible untapped state or federal source; AB: Possible private funding? Unlikely; Possible additional vote? Also unlikely. MR: Bard rental at Tech City? Not heard;

Red Hook Responds – Board of Directors inaugural meeting this evening; nine members; also, first annual volunteer appreciation dinner next Thursday, 04-15, an opportunity to say “thanks” to the many volunteers personally (526 enrolled, 100 active daily); Taste Budd's business = slammed! at lunchtime but hourly labor pool very poor;

EDD/ITF Collaboration – DB to follow up with Robert McKeon.

Chamber of Commerce Report – KMcG: labor needed; office available; working on business pamphlet; Rhinebeck's new business structure – discuss similar help to Red Hook restaurants at next meeting;

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**Next Meeting: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 14, 2021.**

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 9:37a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary