

DRAFT
Economic Development Committee
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 11, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Present: Dick Wambach (Chair), Dan Budd, Harry Colgan (*ex officio*), Kristina Dousharm, Chris Klose (Secretary), Marty Reilingh, George Verrilli, members; Ed Blundell (Mayor of Red Hook), Tim Lynch (Red Hook Rotary Club); Kim McGrath (Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce); Doreen De Carolis (Gaslight Motel, Upper Red Hook); Kathy Gravino, Chris and Zsanne Hoffman, and Sammy Schreiber, Red Hook Village Merchants Group

Not Present: Amanda Bodian, Todd Baright, Ken Migliorelli, Erin Moore, Kevin Mowry, Jessica Stingo, members; Brent Kovalchik (Deputy Mayor of Red Hook)

Call to Order: With a quorum present, Mr. Wambach called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Minutes: On a motion by Dr. Verrilli and second by Dr. Reilingh, the committee unanimously approved the corrected Minutes of September 27, 2017 (attached).

Old Business:

- **Gaslight Motel, Upper Red Hook** – Town Board member Colgan described the Town Planning Board as independent of the Town Board and that litigation by adjoining property owners was delaying planning approval of the motel's expansion. He also mentioned (erroneously) that the Planning Board had approved the site plan.
- **Sewer Update** – Mayor Blundell said that the Village had received a total \$3.2 million in grants for the new water and sewer systems.
- **Friday Night Lights** – Representatives of the newly formed Village Merchants Group said their efforts to attract more business to the village would be helped by better street lighting and pedestrian crossings. Mr. Budd pointed out that inviting food trucks to participate in their marketing effort siphons business from "bricks-and-mortar" restaurants. Chairman Wambach urged the group to continue attending EDC meetings, emphasizing that more, not less, cooperation and coordination was in everyone's best interests.

Next Meeting: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at the Village Hall, second floor.

Adjournment: On a motion by Dr. Reilingh and second by Mr. Klose, Chairman Wambach adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary