

**DRAFT**  
**Economic Development Committee**  
**Wednesday, November 4, 2020**

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

**Call to Order:** With a quorum present, Chair Dousharm called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

**Minutes:** On a motion by Ms. Bodian and second by Dr. Reilingh, the Minutes of the Meetings of September 30 and October 28, 2020, as corrected, were unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

- **Community Discussion** – DB: we need to focus on helping each other because we can make a difference and must not give up on what's moral and best for all; RHR needs help helping people who are falling through the cracks vis a vis food insecurity, financial aid, volunteers, funding, so let's stick together; econ development is important but we need to focus on helping those most in need; \$5K grant from Feed America has come in, which could help prepare and deliver 10,000 meals; also, continuing fund raising for the \$26 K freezer; working on collaborative Thanksgiving.
- **Comprehensive Plan** – KD: Continue discussion or postpone until next week; VS: Comp plan is restrictive now, so we need to review current town zoning; KD: would like to focus on the types of businesses we'd like in Red Hook that are compatible with and would promote our small town, rural character and way of life as reflected in the 1993 plan.

**Next Meeting:** 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 11, 2020 via Zoom.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary