

## RED HOOK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES – August 31, 2006

The meeting convened at 7:30 P.M. in the conference room of the Town Hall.

### Committee Members:

#### Present:

Robert Burnswick  
Theresa Haney  
Brad Mitchell  
Doug Moat

#### Absent:

James Belliveau  
Ken Jetto  
Ryan McCann  
Linda Page  
Kevin Zulch

The minutes of the meeting of July 20, which had been previously distributed, were approved.

The following subjects were reported and discussed:

- Inter-Municipal Task Force: Doug reported that he continues to sit in on their Friday meetings. The conceptual plan was introduced at an initial community meeting August 7<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be followed by two additional meetings in September and October at which various tools will be introduced and community questions answered. The conceptual plan offers an attractive and practical response to the question of how to balance future development while maintaining much of the community's architectural and open space character. While initial implementation costs for such requirements as water, sewage disposal and power are being examined it behooves our Committee to obtain data and develop a clear understanding of the longer term economic tax effects of both the tools that may be employed (PDRs, TDRs, easements, zoning etc), their success or failure in communities similar in size and economics to Red Hook and the possible impact on the Town's taxes and the school budget. These meetings and their subject matter are of crucial importance to *everyone* in the Town and Villages. Accordingly, we must do as much as possible to encourage participation at the meetings and awareness of the subject matter.
- Town Board Appointments and Requests.
  - Fiscal Analysis Study: Kevin reported that he had as yet to hear from the consultants doing the study. Doug reported that while he had been told

that the consultant had received the committee's prior data outlines and that he would be contacted to discuss these, he, too, had not as yet heard anything further. Kevin is to follow up with Jean Bordewich who is "quarterbacking" the study.

- Zoning Review Study: Harold asked that we recommend a committee member for this group. Subject to ascertaining how much time is involved, Linda Page has agreed to participate.
- Community Preservation Fund Board. Harold Ramsey has asked that we submit seven names for consideration.
- Budget: We have been asked for our estimated expense needs for the coming year. Recognizing that we have absorbed all expenses to-date, it was agreed that Doug would request a modest sum for the coming year.
- Conference Center: Doug reported that he and Harold had met with representatives of Bard regarding their desire to develop a hotel/conference center. A subsequent meeting with the developer/hotel manager is being scheduled as this is being written. If this meeting goes well, it will be extremely important that we immediately get full Board, planning and zoning behind the project.
- Internet Marketing: We continue to follow up on the Internet Seminar that was sponsored in the spring. A test marketing program is to be developed in conjunction with the chamber of Commerce. Their E-mail list is to be expanded with the names the EDC has developed with several local merchants and a test program – designed to prove the merits of internet marketing is to be developed.

**THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2006 AT 7:30 AT THE TOWN HALL.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Copies: Town Board members individually, S. McCann, Town Clerk