

**Economic Development Committee**  
**Wednesday, March 10, 2021**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Kristina Dousharm (Chair), Amanda Bodian, Chris Klose (Secretary), Ken Migliorelli, Maarty Reilingh, Emily Sachar; Vanessa Shafer, Jacob Testa (*ex officio*), members; Ed Blundell (Mayor, Village of Red Hook) Kim McGrath (Red Hook Area Chamber of Commerce), Robert McKeon (Supervisor, Town of Red Hook),

**Call to Order:** With a quorum present, Chair Dousharm called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

**Minutes:** The sets of Minutes for 02-17-21 through 03-10-21 are to be reviewed and voted upon at the March 17, 2021 meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Announcements** – EB re: Village: sewer bids in and reviewed; NYS EFC okayed zero-interest rate through the life of the loan; no easy way to increase the \$4.9 million package, so reviewing with the Village's bond counselors (capital costs higher so per unit benefit cost is higher); Board on 03-08 set 03-25 meeting to pinpoint actual costs for the new bond proposal (reasons for original project stay the same); much legal and technical work necessary for new bond proposal.

New businesses, such as Magic Donut, of interest to the Village.  
Electric Chargers – Village supports installing generic types.

**Old Business:**

**Short Term Rentals (STR)** – Survey of Red Hook businesses TBD after further review/comment/update before distribution.

**Town Committee Membership** – ES: impressed with new businesses coming to town so maybe reach out to some of them for committee service; incumbent upon everyone to reach out to new residents;

(Internet down; meeting disconnected before rejoining in progress)

**Electric Charger Stations** -- Complicated issue that is sorting itself out; pressing now: proposal for eight Tesla superchargers for Hannaford is before the Planning Board (Tesla warrants chargers useable for all vehicle makes); Town can get superchargers placed anywhere in the Town and Village; no regulations governing as of now; good to have chargers in the Village because users would

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frequent downtown businesses and restaurants; benefits of chargers are clear; welcome all companies wanting to build out the infrastructure for Level 3 chargers.

**Next Meeting: 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 17, 2021.**

**Adjournment:** Chair Dousharm adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Christopher Klose, Secretary