

PCEDC Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 8, 2022
8 – 9 a.m.

Present: Robert Zubrycki, Richard Weiss, Marjorie Keith, Daniel Leary, Joseph Roberto, Walter Recher, John Kraus, Don Minichino and Chris Ryder

Absent: Alana Mikhalevsky and Dr. Mark Hirko

Staff: Kathleen Abels, Rachael Paradise

Guests: Bill Nulk (PCIDA)

- I. 8:06 am Call to Order
- II. Approval of January Board Meeting Minutes: *The motion was passed unanimously.*
- III. Proposed Changes to By-Laws: The first edit of the by-laws, done by Richard Weiss and Rachael Paradise, were mostly tightening up responsibilities, changing grammar, etc. The EDC mission statement needs to be modified. The by-laws will be sent to the board for further suggestions and we will approve them at the next board meeting.
- IV. Nominating Committee Report: Kathleen Abels asked for the board's approval to invite Kimball Gell to join the board of directors. She has a background in business and finance and is the owner of Dolly's restaurant in Garrison. She served on the EDC Small Business Advisory Board during the height of the pandemic. *Richard Weiss made a motion to approve asking Kimball Gell to join the board. Seconded by Robert Zubrycki. Approved.*
- V. President's Report: *Please see attached report*
- VI. Marketing Committee Report: It was decided that a working lunch or breakfast might be the best option for the fall event with Sept. 29 as the tentative date. Walter Recher suggested having the event at Tilly's Table to showcase the county. Ms. Abels will follow up with location selection and date.
- VII. Board Retreat: Board members will have a retreat in May to focus on strategic planning and refocus the direction of the agency as well as the role the EDC has in terms of relationships with the county and businesses. The executive committee will meet prior to the retreat to tighten up the agenda.

Adjournment – 9:20 a.m.: *Motion to adjourn meeting approved.*

Next Meeting: May 10, 2022, at 8 a.m.

President's Report
January 11, 2022 – March 7, 2022

Continued participating in monthly meetings of the Job Connection Task Force of the Hudson Valley (JCTFHV), which was initiated by Patterns for Progress.

Continued participating in monthly Putnam County Solid Waste Management Plan Renewal Focus Group.

Continued catch-up calls with Eric Warren of Empire State Development. Sent out two site searches to commercial realtors.

Continued attending quarterly Red-Carpet meetings. Met on 01/26/22.
Continued weekly, in-person meetings with Tourism.

Continued working with Walt Recher on membership proposal. Met on 02/28/21.

Continued working on updating Planning Department's List of Major Employers in Putnam County.

01/12/22 – attended virtual meeting on of CFA grants.

01/27/22 – attended virtual meeting with Central Hudson regarding their economic development programs for 2022.

02/01/22 – Board meeting with Friends of Lasdon Park in Katonah.

02/02/22 - sit down meeting with new supervisor of Town of Carmel, Mike Cazzari.

02/02/22 – meeting at Town Hall with Town of Southeast Supervisor and Councilman, new and former developers for *Brewster Crossings* project and representatives of the Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition regarding the future of 67 Main Street, a/k/a Old Town Hall building.

02/07/22 – sit down meeting with new Supervisor of Town of Kent, Jamie McGlasson.

02/08/22 – virtual meeting with Erin Drost regarding CFA Grant applicant for historic preservation through the Environmental Protection fund.

02/08/22 – began working with Katelyn Belyus of Little Carrot Bake future cottage industry in Patterson. Provided guidance on health department licensing and on potential markets for her vegan/plant-based baked goods.

02/10/22 – sit down meeting with Matt Salter, Supervisor or the Town of Yorktown regarding overlay zoning and grants.

02/22/22 – provided input at their realtor’s request for renaming of Northeast Logistics to Westchester Gateway.

02/23/22 – completed ABO training.

02/28/2022 – attended Hudson Valley Regional Committee Board Meeting at bequest of County Executive

03/01/22 – PCEDC Strategic Planning Meeting via Zoom.

03/03/22 – meeting with PCEDC Board of Directors candidate Kimball Gell in Cold Spring.

03/03/22 - Meeting with Chuck Armstrong and Legislator Carl Albano, this year’s Chair of the Physical Services Committee, regarding the Wonderama proposal for property abutting Tilly Foster Farm in Southeast.

03/07/22 – met with Paula Hernandez, Executive Director and Kate Corsitto, President, of Brewster Chamber of Commerce. Joined the Chamber.