

Minutes of the Business Development Planning Committee  
November 18, 2007

- Approval of Minutes from October 29th meeting.  
There was one correction: Marge Bonner was not at the meeting. Frances Nodar was.
- Announcements:
  1. Francis Gray is the liaison between the Hudson Valley and Ulster County Development Corp.
  2. It was announced that in the future the Town Board will interview all applicants to committees.
  3. A budget of \$5000 was designated to the TORBDC. This would cover gas, training sessions etc.
- The TORBDC will look into what grants would be available for the BDC Projects.
- The initial survey will be expanded with the intention of procuring information as to how the BDC can nurture and assist existing business. It was suggested that in order to make a list of current businesses, the phone book could be used as a starting base.
- There was discussion on developing training contacts, speakers, and outreach. It was suggested that interviews will be made to the following sites:
  1. Adult Education (BOCES)
  2. Ulster County Community College
  3. Ulster County Continuing Education
  4. Vocational Rehabilitation Programs (NYS Disabilities)
  5. Film Set Companies
- Businesses that have closed down on Rte. 209 will be surveyed as to what problems they had with the intent of attempting to assist such businesses in the future.
- There was a discussion of what types of businesses do we want in the area. This question will be included in the survey so that we get feedback from the area residents.
- There was a discussion on how we could help established businesses and how we could bring new businesses into the area.
- Veritas Villa was mentioned in that it was a proposed business that would employ over 130 people.

- A flyer describing the Town of Rochester Business Development Planning Committee (Who We Are) was suggested. This flyer could then be used for informational purposes as well as recruitment purposes.
- Next Meeting Dates established were:
  - December 8, 2006
  - January 14, 2006

Meetings will be held in the Town Hall at 7PM.