

Call to order: 6:05pm

In Attendance: Chris Bobolia, Ken Laudon, Jeannette Phillips, Debbie Milone, John Sharp (left at 7:15), Howard Copeland, Anthony Ruggiero, Mike Welti, Kathleen Talbot, Jason Angell

- 1) **Review of January minutes-** A motion was made by Debbie Malone to accept the January minutes as written, seconded by Jeanette Phillips. **Vote:**

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Debbie Milone		Howard Copeland
John Sharp		Chris Bobolia
Anthony Ruggiero		
Jeannette Phillips		Approved

- 2) **Review of monthly budget worksheets-** Jason handed out budget worksheets and reviewed with committee. Short discussion concerning questions followed.

- 3) **Jazz & Blues Festival-** Jason gave presentation: the BID has approached Red House Entertainment concerning their producing of the event and they have expressed interest in same. A written document would be put in place which will describe the BID’s role and Red House production’s role for the event. Red House Productions would like to expand the event to “Rock & Blues”. The BID will contribute \$10,000 towards the marketing of Peekskill and event, a significant decrease from \$23,000 in 2013 which will allow the BID to invest in other initiatives. The BID would like the following stipulations in the written agreement:

- Bid vendor will have the right of 1st refusal
- BID vendors will have preferred locations
- BID vendors will receive a reduced rental rate
- The festival will expand to Brown Street
- The Friday night inclusion to the festival will continue

Debbie made a motion: “To go forward with discussions with Red House Entertainment concerning the production of the Jazz & Blues Festival. Red House will provide a written outline agreeing to the BID’s stipulations back to the BID board.” Ken Laudon seconded.

Vote: Unanimous

- 4) **2014 Open Studios Project-** Maureen Winzig, president of Peekskill Arts Alliance, gave presentation for the event scheduled for June 7th & 8th. It will be a 2 day event with guided tours visiting several areas including downtown Peekskill, the Hat Factory, at least 6 artist studios, several retail stores, and HVCCA. The request is a BID marketing matching grant of \$750.00. Ken Laudon made a motion “to approve the expenditure of \$750 for support to the Open Studios event”. Jeannette seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous

- 5) **BID Board Elections & Annual Meeting-** The BID annual meeting is scheduled for March 27th at the Peekskill Elks Club. The BID board will select a local business to cater the event. There are 3 owner's and 1 tenant seat open. The vote will be concluded at the annual meeting and the new members names announced.
- 6) **Farmer's Market Reform Plan-** Jeannette gave report and requested board approval to set up interviews with potential candidates for position. Anthony Ruggiero made a motion "to allow committee to interview and hire candidate for position of Farmer's Market Director." Seconded by Howard Copeland. **Vote: Unanimous**
- 7) **Peekskill Restaurant & Local Business Week 2-** John Sharp gave presentation and explanation for the event during the week of February 24th-March 9th. Restaurants outside the BID area will be included. There was a short discussion and questions were presented and answered.
- 8) **Property Inventory-** There was a discussion of the need for an inventory of downtown vacant properties. Suggestion was made to monitor and record properties and empty lots for vacancies. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.
- 9) **Other BID Business-** There will be a meeting of the artists and other interested persons on Thursday February 6th concerning the proposed revisions to the downtown artist/residential zoning.

Chris Bobolia made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Howard Copeland.

Vote: unanimous

Meeting adjourned: 8:15pm