## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – September 2023**

#### KINDERHOOK BUSINESS UPDATE

## **Vacant Commercial/Mixed Use: [3]**

1 Chatham Street, 6 Broad Street, 59 Broad Street

## Partially Occupied Commercial/Mixed Use: [1]

5 Hudson Street

#### **Business Closure**

10 Broad Street – Bones Barbershop

#### **Business Opening**

10 Broad Street – Kinderhook Books (Expected opening: December 2023)

#### **PROMOTION**

- Ongoing social-media re-posts for local businesses
- Requested design proposal and estimates for signage at Hudson Street Landing at Creekside Park and Dunham Park. Expected meeting: Mid-October
   Map of historic sites in Kinderhook for display on back of EV charging station in revision stage.
- Distributed rack cards and brochures at village and regional locations.

#### **BUSINESS LIAISON**

- Continued to provide updates on available commercial properties.

## **GRANTS SUMMARY**

- Organized files for Kinderhook Creek Recreational Inventory and NY Forward Village Projects
- Preliminary draft of awarded grants checklist completed. Revision in progress.
- Attended LWRP meeting.

#### **CURRENT (ONGOING):**

## **Kinderhook Creek Kayak Launch Project**

- Village receives extension on HRVG grant for two years.
- Village receives NYS DEC approval of CEO's application for creek-access improvements.
- Valatie submits application for DEC approval of launch access proposal.
- Installation of creek-access improvements in Kinderhook and Valatie scheduled for completion in spring 2024.

# Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) (Village of Kinderhook and Village of Valatie Collaborative Project

# **NY Forward Grant Application**

- Submitted additional information and estimates as per NY Forward requests on three applications for village projects.
- Solicited and received estimates for historic iron lamp post repair, restoration, sand blasting, painting, rewiring, re-installation.
- Posted NY Forward meeting announcements on social media.
- Provided Kinderhook business owners with information about NY Forward village projects.

## **GRANT RESEARCH/SUPPORT/APPLICATION**

- Continued review of grant availability and grant eligibility.
- Reviewed Partners for Climate Action Hudson Valley Building Decarbonization Grant and submitted to board members for consideration.
- Attended Building Decarbonization Grant Zoom presentation.
- Distributed grant opportunity to Kinderhook Memorial Library.

#### **ECONOMIC-DEVELOPMENT RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### Albany-Hudson Electric Trail, Village Bike Rack

- Awaiting action on bike rack proposal in Village Square at Kinderhook Knitting Mill.

## **Long-term Parking and Traffic Issues**

- Information on status of 25 Chatham Street soil testing and results out for review.

## **Village Website**

- Continued to assist on website redesign and attended redesign meetings.
- Solicited photo from photographer P. Harbron for new village website home page.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Distributed private-foundation grant opportunities to Kinderhook businesses