

Dear Peekskill BID Members,

I am writing to introduce myself -- my name is Jason Angell and I accepted the position of Executive Director/Administrator of the Peekskill Business Improvement District (BID) in November. One of our highest priorities will be to strengthen the BID's relationship with its members and over the coming months I look forward to meeting you all personally to hear your thoughts on how the BID can better serve your interests as business owners. Working together, with new energy and ideas, I see great potential in the BID's ability to affect positive change in Peekskill.

A bit more about me – my wife and I are in our first year of running a small farm, a registered LLC in Garrison, NY. Before that, I was the Executive Director of the Center for Working Families, a public policy group in New York City that worked on state-wide issues of economic development and building a new, green economy (you can read our nationally recognized plan [here](#)). In addition, while gaining a Masters of Public Administration degree from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, I studied issues of spurring small business growth at the South Side Innovation Center, one of the top business incubator centers in the country.

I accepted the BID position because I care about helping to create strong, local economies, it is in my interest as a local business owner, and the part-time nature of the position fits with my other responsibilities. Over the next months, I plan to make my way to your business personally to hear your ideas about how to improve the business environment in Peekskill. In February, we look forward to hosting the BID's Annual Meeting for all BID members, a chance to bring your thoughts to the table and help set our course for the coming year.

The BID Board and I approach the coming New Year with fresh energy and hope for great progress – but in the end, we know our success will depend largely on your involvement. I encourage you to always feel welcome at our monthly BID Board meetings (held the first Tuesday of every month at the Nutrition Room at the Neighborhood Center at 4 Nelson Ave), to participate in shaping our 2012 BID plan, and to vote or run for a vacant Board seat in the February BID Board elections.

Looking forward to meeting you all -- please feel free to contact me with any thoughts, questions, or ideas in the meantime.

Sincerely,

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