



**TOWN OF NORFOLK
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

July 11, 2019

5:00

Minutes - *DRAFT*

Present: Libby Borden, Bill Brown, Sue Frisch, Larry Hannafin, Tom McGowan, Jon Riedeman,
Absent: Pete Anderson, Doreen Kelly, Jim Nelson, Kathy Williams
Guests: Matt Riiska and Celia McGowan

Libby called the meeting to order at 5:00.

The minutes of the special meeting of June 20, 2019 were approved. Linda Perkins requests that on future minutes those absent as well as present be included.

Libby will follow up with Doreen to see if she has officially resigned from the EDC.

The minutes from the June 20, 2019 reflect a list taken from the draft POCD that the EDC considers appropriate to pursue as a commission. The list was reviewed and discussed. Action will be taken.

Tom and Bill are going to pursue the ongoing efforts to bring a commuter railroad to Canaan.

It was proposed that a brochure of historical houses be developed as a tool to bring people to Norfolk.

Libby wondered if anyone knew about the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower site located just west of the transfer station. It is owned by the state. Perhaps funding is available from the state to turn it into a site with wildflowers as part of efforts for Norfolk's beautification. The EDC would like to meet with the Community Association to pursue beautification goals.

Bill says that the subject of traffic calming must be revived as the DOT has done nothing. Matt said that speed signs for Route 44 next to Botelle have been promised.

Sue said that \$4,150 has already been raised in donations for WIN. She said the program for WiN will be ready on Friday and there are many events scheduled for the Village Green.

Sue also agreed to be the Norfolk representative for the Western Connecticut Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The invitation from the website to get weekly events updates is almost ready to go out. Postcards to encourage people to join will also be distributed. Once the invitation goes out, the EDC will contact Norfolk NGO's to encourage them to list their events on the website on a regular basis.

Fiber Optics is on hold pending developments in the Energy Committee about Norfolk setting up an electrical utility. A query as to whether Energy Committee minutes are on the web site led to a discussion of how to insure all committee meeting minutes and agendas are posted. Members of the web site committee will pursue.

Libby will make sure that the Library gets the approved \$200 donation from the EDC for its Puppet Festival.

Matt said that he met with members of the Little Free Library who would like to have a free library in Norfolk but the question is where to put it.

An electric vehicle charging station is going to be installed behind Town Hall next week.

Maria Horn is coming to Botelle School on August 1 at 5:30 to talk about state government and Botelle.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00.

Libby Borden and Bill Brown