



**TOWN OF NORFOLK
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

October 10, 2019

5:00

Minutes – DRAFT

Present: Libby Borden, Bill Brown, Sue Frisch, Larry Hannafin, Marie Lowe, Tom McGowan, Jon Riedeman, Kathy Williams
Absent: Pete Anderson, Jim Nelson,
Guests: Kate Johnson, Ruth and Steve Melville, Matt Riiska

Libby called the meeting to order at 5:00.

The minutes of the meeting of September 12 were approved.

Libby discussed the EDC budget with the commission. The commission members asked for copies of the budget which Matt said his office would send out to each of them. Every expenditure will be approved by the commission. The commission agreed to reimburse Rails to Trails \$400 for its Tour de Forest expenses (Rails to Trails is a subcommittee of the EDC and does not have its own budget) and to Sue Frisch for expenses for her tourism efforts.

At the last EDC meeting, each member chose a project to follow and then update at subsequent meetings.

Fiber Optics: Bill reported that the Fiber Optics project is very active. Focus groups were held in September and there will be a meeting to rally supporters on October 22. In addition, at least eight inserts are appearing in Norfolk Now each month to explain the importance of Fiber Optics for Norfolk.

WIN: Sue said that the WIN team had met and have several new ideas for the next weekend in February. She also reported that travel writer Stan Wawer, brought to Norfolk by Janet Serra, had a very successful visit here.

Website: Bill said the website is running smoothly with very few glitches left to iron out. Libby and Bill encouraged all members to visit it.

DOT: Larry says he will have more to report on DOT next month. However, he said that his daughter Sara is involved with an organization called Can'd Aid which, in the last couple of weeks, gave 40 bikes and helmets to Botelle students. Watch the video on norfolkct.org!! He said that Can'd Aid also gives out free musical instruments. Also, 30 members of Architects of America recently had a tour of Norfolk.

Community Association: Marie is now a member of the CA board and will report back to EDC what is happening and how the EDC can help.

Train in Canaan: Tom has become involved with the advocacy group and will report back next month.

URL on Welcome Signs: Jon will contact Pete and work on this.

Steeple: Jim could not attend the meeting but sent an e-mail saying that he had sent information to David Torrey about some potential funding from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation.

Botelle: Libby reminded everyone that on October 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the HUB there is going to be a public forum for the six candidates running for election to the Board of Education.

Infinity: Jon said that the new owners are doing lots of advertising. He is optimistic about the future.

Matt reported that Ned Lamont, with Marie Horn, is going to be in Norfolk on Wednesday, October 16, around 2:30 –3:00 He also said that the town has purchased a bus and he is currently looking for drivers.

The meeting was adjourned just before 6:00.

Libby Borden and Bill Brown