

TOWN OF NORFOLK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION October 8, 2020 via Zoom 5:00 Minutes – DRAFT

Present:Libby Borden, Bill Brown, Sue Frisch, Marie Lowe, Tom McGowan, Jim NelsonAbsent:Larry Hannifin, Jon RiedemanGuests:Kate Johnson, Matt Riiska

The minutes from June 11, 2020 were approved.

Pete Anderson and Kathy Williams have resigned. The Selectmen voted Kate Johnson to be a member of the commission.

Branding is on the back burner temporarily.

The Community Association is in good shape with many projects in the works including the children's classic train, WWI monuments, flags for Veteran's Day, the fountain on the Village Green, the directional hand-painted sign, Christmas lighting and decorations.

The Selectmen have appointed a Broadband committee with nine members. The committee has had two meetings and is working on both a business and a financial plan. It will present a budget to the Board of Finance by January or February, a proposal for the public in March, a budget in April and the town meeting in May.

WIN has its events on line and with the hope of linking to the town web site. The Winter WIN will be virtual and already has five events.

The Norfolk Chamber Music Festival is planning to have LIVE summer concerts.

The Massachusetts train campaign group is far ahead of Connecticut's with its efforts to bring a train to the area. Tom will try to attend one of its meetings.

Kate reported on the Foundation for Norfolk Living. She thanked Matt for help with the Community Development Block Grant. She said that FNL is considering making the road into the development a town road and will need to apply to the P&Z for permission. All 12 current FNL units are rented.

The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower site might be of interest to the Community Association. Marie will check.

Infinity Hall is dark and the Artisans Guild is closing.

The next meeting will be on November 12th at 5:00 pm

Bill Brown and Libby Borden