



**TOWN OF NORFOLK
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
October 14, 2021, 5:00pm via Zoom
MINUTES**

Present: Libby Borden, Jenna Brown, Marie Lowe, Tom McGowan, Jim Nelson, Jon Riedeman, Michael Selleck
Absent: Sue Frisch, Larry Hannafin, Kate Johnson,
Guests: Matt Riiska, Jordan Stern

Libby Borden called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the September 9, 2021 meeting were approved.

Libby reported that she in person and Michael by phone met with Betsy Paynter who is the Small Business Resource Navigator for the Northwest CT Economic Development Corp. She encouraged the EDC to make itself more visible to the businesses in town as well as those in other towns. She suggested that Norfolk have more volunteer recognition and that the EDC be called the Economic and Community Development Commission.

In Kate's absence Libby reported that P&Z hearing for Haystack Woods has been continued until early November and that Wetlands has granted approval. Kate has had encouraging conversations with the Commissioner of Housing about funding.

The Welcome Folders are progressing.

In Sue's absence Libby reported that the website committee has hired Kathryn Boughton to take Leslie Battis's position as the website manager/editor.

Tom said there are no new developments with Winter WIN.

Jim said that preparations are starting for live performances of the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival next summer. There is a possibility some winter concerts may be scheduled.

Tom said housing inventory is very slim.

Jon warned Norfolk to beware of cannabis farms coming to Norfolk. Sandisfield succeeded in keeping one out of its town.

The Community Association is focused on restoring the fountain on the Village Green.

Botelle has 70 students this fall.

Matt said that the slide (\$40K) and the tennis courts (\$95K) at Botelle both needed to be repaired. Jenna volunteered to lead the effort to raise money for the slide.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Libby and Michael

