



TOWN OF NORFOLK
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
January 14, 2021, 5:00pm via Zoom
MINUTES - DRAFT

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

Libby Borden called the meeting to order. She asked if anybody on the EDC knew what Norfolk had been changed to Norfolk Historic District on Google maps. Nobody did but Sue Frisch offered to try to correct it.

The minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting were approved.

The budget was observed. Libby and Matt Riiska will review the 2021-2022 EDC budget categories. Both Branding and WIN request funds when needed.

The Foundation for Norfolk Living continues to work hard for Haystack Woods. In addition, NHCOC— Northwest Hills Council of Governments—is helping towns to prepare a plan for affordable housing and Matt, Kate Johnson and Tom McGowan are on the Norfolk committee.

In Bill Brown's absence, Michael Selleck reported on "branding". He suggested events late summer and fall. Marie Lowe had submitted a report that she, Christina Vanderlip and Nash Pradham were working on a plan for the Norfolk entrances.

Sue said that WIN has one live event, a NVFD-sponsored bonfire and smores by the skating rink, 3-5 pm on Saturday, the 20th. The committee agreed that this event as well as the skating rink itself should be well publicized throughout the town and at Botelle School, and were grateful to the NVFD for its work.

Fiber Optics has submitted is plan to the Board of Finance which will hold a special meeting to discuss.

Jim Nelson said that the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival is going to be live in Norfolk this summer, but all events and concerts will be virtual with string instruments only. Everyone will be housed on campus. Jim did report that the recruiting efforts for the Yale summer students was beyond expectation.

Tom said that there are only 12 active listings in Norfolk and that vacant land is being purchased, perhaps for building.

DOT is very quiet.

Tom is working on his video for the train to Canaan project and would like volunteers.

Libby adjourned the meeting.

Libby Borden