



**TOWN OF NORFOLK  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
April 8, 2021, 5:00pm via Zoom  
MINUTES**

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

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Libby Borden called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.

Jon Riedeman has resigned as a commission member of the EDC. Libby is to pursue suggestions for a replacement.

The "Norfolk Historic District", instead of "Norfolk" continues to pop up on the internet. Michael, Bill and Jim will all work to get it corrected.

A branding meeting is scheduled for April 13 and will include representatives from the EDC, Norfolk Foundation and Community Association. Bill had a fruitful meeting with the Sewer District about making their property the first phase of a Blackberry River greenway.

Libby brought up the idea of having events on the Village Green throughout the summer and having it a collaborative effort with its neighbors and others, including the Chamber Music Festival. Libby and others will pursue.

WIN hopes to hold many live events during the summer weekend, specifically to bring people to Norfolk, but is also scheduling virtual events as backup.

Fiber Optic Study Committee has provided comprehensive documentation as requested by Board of Finance. Next step is decision by BOF/BOS re inclusion of project in next year's budget.

Jim reported that the Yale Summer Art program has been canceled. Chamber Music Festival is planning virtual concerts but does have backup plans for some live events if restrictions are lifted.

Tom said that the real estate market continues to be tight due to low inventory. Prices rising.

The Community Association will have its clean-up day on April 24.

Matt reported on several issues: NWCT Transit not supportive of Housatonic and Naugatuck train lines; Botelle School will host the Budget Meeting on April 26 and the Town Meeting on May 10; Michael Cobb is holding a concert fund raiser in City Meadow for Botelle's Sixth Grade; Town has acquired electronic roadside speed indicator signs--placement TBD but likely on Rts 44 and 272.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55.

Libby and Bill

