



**TOWN OF NORFOLK
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
November 10, 2022, 5:00pm via Zoom
MINUTES**

Present: Libby Borden, Marie Lowe, Tom McGowan, Jon Riedeman Brett Robbins,
Michael Selleck
Absent: Sue Frisch, Larry Hannafin, Kate Johnson Jim Nelson

Libby Borden called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

The commission voted to add two items to the agenda: Bill Brown and Jim Nelson.

Libby began by saying how sorry she was to hear of Bill Brown's passing. Bill had been co-chair of the EDC with Libby for several years.

The minutes of the October 13, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

Jim Nelson is resigning from the EDC and suggested that Robert Whipple, who is replacing him at the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival, join the EDC in his stead. Libby has asked Matt to approve Robert at the next Selectmen's meeting.

The 2023 calendar was unanimously approved.

The commission voted unanimously to co-join the CT Main Street Center with the Norfolk Foundation and pay \$375 for its half of the membership fee.

Members of the commission voiced their preference for the following projects and decided on next steps.

1. Outreach. It was agreed that Libby would ask Erick Olsen to join us at the next EDC meeting to hear more about NET and other church-related activities that might be of interest to the EDC.
2. Reach out to the business community: Libby, Michael, Jon, (and Sue subsequent to the meeting)
3. EDC/POCD initiatives: Libby will work with the Norfolk Foundations to produce maps.
4. New housing: Tom will take the lead but he and Brett feel that there will be very little activity for the next six months
5. Traffic calming: Marie and Michael
6. Friday nights on the Village Green: Libby has a lead on someone who might be able to run FNVG and the committee unanimously agreed that a stipend should be offered if needed.
7. Fiber Optics: Brett will confer with Kim regularly and update the committee on a regular basis

Marie reported that the Community Association has been and continues to be very active with its monument restoration and light, its sculpture project, and Christmas decorating. She thinks that a dog park might be a reality by next spring. It was suggested and enthusiastically received that the EDC provide a bench at the dog park in memory of Bill Brown.

Jon will be happy to report regularly on progress with Infinity Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45.

Libby Borden and Michael Selleck.