



TOWN OF NORFOLK
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
October 12, 2023, 5:00pm
MINUTES
By Zoom

Present: Libby Borden, Sue Frisch, Larry Hannafin, Kate Johnson, Marie Lowe, Tom McGowan, Christal Preszler, Brett Robbins, Michael Selleck, Robert Whipple
Absent: Trish Deans, Jon Riedeman,
Guest: Kathryn Boughton, Lauren Valentino

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

The minutes of the September 14, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

The EDC business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17th at 6:00 at the Hub. All are welcome.

Lauren reported on all the community activities at Botelle. Botelle had a Fire Prevention Day this week and a highlight was Aruba, the flammable liquid detection dog. October is Bullying Prevention Month and Botelle is celebrating Unity Day on October 18th. Everyone is encouraged to use orange light bulbs as a show of solidarity. Also on October 18th, Botelle will start a new tradition of Mountain Day which will include an all-school hike. This year the Norfolk Land Trust is partnering.

The Yale Chamber Music Festival is offering a special concert on Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in Battell Recital Hall when Robert Blocker will give a free piano recital. The concert is already oversubscribed. In addition a Yale wind quintet will be performing for local schools on October 23. The EDC hopes Yale Music will come to Norfolk often during the winter.

WIN is gearing up for its winter weekend and as a new offering will hold a photography workshop.

The Town Website is featuring Botelle activities on its Botelle School page. The committee is looking for an intern to help Kathryn Boughton with the posting of events.

Marie said that the lighting of the Memorial Green monument has been postponed until next year. She wanted to remind everyone that Tour de Forest is this Saturday, October 14th.

Traffic calming initiatives will resume in the spring with, perhaps, eye-catching signage to make people slow down.

Real estate is picking up. Tom also said the video about Norfolk that he is working on is almost complete and he will be happy to show it to the EDC.

Kate reported that the Foundation for Norfolk Living and the Norfolk Foundation have received a \$500K grant to renovate the Royal Arcanum apartments on the second floor. She said FNL is hoping to pave the Haystack Woods road before the winter. She also explained in detail the FNL financing for Haystack Woods as she wants to be clear that Haystack Woods is financially sound.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Michael and Libby

