



**TOWN OF NORFOLK
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
November 9, 2023, 5:00pm
MINUTES
By Zoom**

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

Libby Borden called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

The minutes of the October 12, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

Libby proposed, at Marie Lowe's request, that the EDC contribute \$300 to Tour de Forest sponsored by Rails to Trails. The vote to contribute was unanimous.

The EDC unanimously approved the 2024 meeting calendar.

Lauren reported that Mountain Day was a huge success. She said World Kindness Day is on Monday. Botelle students will be organizing a food drive in December for the Food Pantry. Also in December the school will have a holiday singalong at Meadowbrook. The Community Quilt is on display at the school. Botelle will honor the Veterans on Friday, November 10, with a school program. All are invited.

Libby and Michael will be meeting with Cheryl Heller about the business community next week and will have more to report at the December meeting.

The Yale Chamber Music Festival is beginning to prepare for the 2024 summer season.

WIN is gearing up for its winter weekend.

The Town Website weekly newsletter now has 446 subscribers.

There was an article in the Lakeville Journal about speeding in the Northwest corner.
<https://tricornernews.com/lakeville-journal-regional/new-state-camera-law-eyed-curb-route-44-speeding-norfolk>

Real estate continues to pick up.

Christal, at Libby's request, suggested having a questionnaire for the town about what commercial entities Norfolkiens would like to see in the town center.

Brett said that he has been reaching out to Madonna and Phillips, a real estate group based in Litchfield, to get Norfolk events listed in their newsletter.

Jon urged everyone to come to the Ambulance presentation on Saturday, November 11th, at 4:00 at the Hub.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Michael and Libby

