

## TOWN OF NORFOLK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION July 13, 2023, 5:00pm via Zoom MINUTES

Present: Libby Borden, Sue Frisch, Kate Johnson, Marie Lowe, Christal Preszler, Brett Robbins,

Michael Selleck, Robert Whipple

Absent: Trish Deans, Larry Hannafin, Tom McGowan, Jon Riedeman,

Guest: Ruth Melville

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

The minutes of the June 8, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

The EDC has invited Ann DeCerbo and the Board of Education to its August meeting to be held at Town Hall.

Libby reported that the EDC ended its 2022-2023 budget with a balance of just over \$100.

She reminded everyone that the EDC has three recurring items for its current budget: WIN for \$2,000, Community Association for \$500, and the Hub membership. WIN is planning to ask for its contribution soon.

Marie reported that the Community Association is planning to have an event in early September to celebrate Jon Riedeman's Owl. Rails to Trails received a \$400K grant.

The June 27<sup>th</sup> businesses meeting held at the Hub was a success. There were 30 people in attendance and more that wanted to come but couldn't make it that evening. The EDC will follow up with a letter to all interested businesses and a plan to hold further forums.

Kate reported that the blasting permitting for the Haystack Woods is complete.

Friday Nights on the Village Green are going well, despite the weather

There will be two events on the Plaza: July 22 and August 26.

The town is expecting a City Meadow plan from Michael Nadeau sometime in July.

The Norfolk Chamber Music Festival is off to an excellent start despite ongoing construction distractions.

The WIN committee is working hard to prepare for the August WIN weekend, August 4-6. Sue says that they still need music on Sunday for the Plaza.

The EDC voted to spend \$200 on Please Slow Down signs and distribute them throughout the town.

There was no real estate report as Tom was absent but Libby wanted to emphasize the need for new housing in the town's water and sewer districts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35.

Michael and Libby