Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 2022
4:30 PM Town Hall

Present: Matthew Riiska, Sandy Evans, Paul Madore, Barbara Gomez and Ruth Melville

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Minutes: September 7, 2022
MOTION S. Evans to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2022 meeting as presented. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

23rd Annual 10-Mile Run (Greystone Electronics) Approval
Will Graustein, race director, has once again requested the use of the Town Hall facilities for the 23rd Annual Run scheduled for Saturday, 12/17/22 at 11:00 a.m. with a snow date of Saturday, 1/7/23. A check in the amount of $75.00 was received for custodial fees.
MOTION S. Evans to approve the use of the Town Hall facilities for the 23rd Annual 10-Mile Run. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Affirm P&Z Commission's Opt-Out of Public Act 21-29
The Planning & Zoning Commission would like to revisit their regulations and opt-out of the State of Connecticut's regulations regarding accessory dwellings. There is a deadline to opt-out. Norfolk's current regulations require the main home to be owner occupied. After much discussion it was decided that this topic would be tabled until the selectmen can get more clarification from the Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman at which point we will hold a Special Board of Selectmen Meeting.
MOTION S. Evans to table the affirmation of the Opt-Out of Public Act 21-29.
Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

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- Tim O'Connor Road – M. Riiska was approached by Tom Anderson of the NW Sportsmen's Association asking if the town would turn over to them the last 450' of Tim O'Connor Road which goes into their property. M. Riiska will talk to abutting property owners, and this transaction would need to go to a Town Meeting for approval. NW Sportsmen's Association would be responsible for any expenses related to this matter.
- Bald Mountain Road – John Rotolo is asking the town to abandon the approximately last half mile of Bald Mountain Road (where he owns property on both sides). M. Riiska will speak to an attorney, and this will go to a Town Meeting for approval.
- Old Colony Road – Because of the retaining wall the State of CT will be building on Route 44 they are asking that the Town of Norfolk permanently abandon the entrance to Old Colony Road off Route 44 and make it a "Dead End" road. Discussion ensued regarding

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how difficult it is to exit onto Route 44 and with the addition of the Haystack Woods development it adds even more traffic. If this goes forward it will be implemented at the same time the State of CT begins work on the wall. The road closure will need approval at a Town Meeting.

- Maple Avenue – The Town of Norfolk received a STEAP grant for $500,000 for work on the road.
- Mountain Road Bridge – is almost complete. Paving will begin next week, and the road should be opened by the end of October.
- Battell Stoeckel Estate – As part of the Mountain Road Bridge replacement project the Town of Norfolk will be repairing a portion of the stone wall on the Stoeckel Estate at a cost of $25,000.
- River Place Bridge – Work is backed up and is now estimated to be completed by 6/23.
- Historic District Commission – Mike Halloran has resigned from the commission. The town made Mike a salaried employee effective 7/1/22 and the town ordinance doesn't allow salaried employees to be members of this commission. We will need to replace him.
- M. Riiska reported that a resident on Bruey Road sprayed some type of defoliant along the road in front of his house which is town property. He has been contacted by the Inland/Wetlands Committee to cease doing this in the future.
- The town purchased a 2022 Ford F550.

MOTION S. Evans to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Second P. Madore. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Gomez, Secretary