



**TOWN OF NORFOLK
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
September 14, 2023, 5:00pm
MINUTES
By Zoom**

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

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

The minutes of the August 10, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

The EDC has tentatively chosen October 17th as the evening for our next business meeting.

The EDC will discuss the CT Cultural Districts at its next meeting.

Kate reported that construction for the Haystack Woods houses may begin this fall. She said that FNL and FN are awaiting word from HTTC to see if they have received a grant for renovating the second floor of the Royal Arcanum.

Friday Nights on the Village Green and Robertson Plaza activities were very successful despite the weather and planning has already started for the 2024 season.

Sue reported on the town website; a full report is attached. Highlights include significantly increased use of the website, a new page dedicated to Botelle School, and a new YouTube channel.

Lauren, who will be a regular visitor at the EDC meeting, said that Botelle's theme for this school year will be "Celebrating All and Creating Community" and Botelle plans to reach out to the town in myriad ways throughout the year.

Brett said that there was no new news with fiber optics.

Robert reported via e-mail that Yale is already starting to plan for 2024 and that the construction project is almost complete.

Sue said that WIN Winter Weekend is on schedule and that WIN Summer Weekend has plans to make Robertson Plaza a focus.

Marie reported via text that the unveiling of The Owl of Good Fortune on Robertson Plaza on September 2nd was a great success. The railroad gate is updated and painted. The Community Association will renew the plants under the Welcome to Norfolk signs and is preparing for the upcoming lighting of the trees on Memorial Green.

There is very little progress with traffic calming. The EDC will consider what kinds of signs to buy to encourage motorists to slow down.

The real estate market continues to be slow.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45.

Michael and Libby