



**TOWN OF NORFOLK
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
June 8, 2023, 5:00pm via Zoom
MINUTES**

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

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

The minutes of the May 11, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

Libby introduced some budget items. She said that the Community Association has asked for an increase in EDC's yearly contribution for the beautification of Norfolk, specifically the plantings at the town entrances. Libby proposed that it be increased from \$300.00 to \$500.00 and the motion was unanimously approved. The EDC is paying for two Friday Nights on the Village Green musicians: Kenn Morr, \$1,000.00 and Pamela Means, \$500.00. The EDC also reimbursed Michael \$216.40 for the Friday Nights banner and reimbursed Libby \$113.40 for stamps for the business meeting mailing.

Libby introduced Andra Moss who told the EDC about possible plans for the Robertson Plaza this summer. The EDC voted unanimously to support events up to \$500 before the FY ending June, 2023.

Libby urged members to attend the Botelle School celebration on June 12th at 5:00 to which the commission has been invited.

The EDC-sponsored businesses' meeting will be held at the Hub on June 27th at 7:00. The letter to the businesses is attached to these minutes.

Kate reported that FNL/FN have applied for a \$500K grant to the HTCC with a partial matching grant from the Greve Foundation for renovations of the Royal Arcanum. The Haystack Woods project has hit ledge and will be presenting at the P&Z on Tuesday, June 13th to get a permit for blasting.

Brett said that there was no new news about fiber optics but people in town who have access are installing it in their homes.

Larry said that there was no progress with the DOT for traffic calming; however, Michael has ordered ten "Please slow down" signs and hopes to have them installed along Route 44.

The Community Association is focusing on its sculpture project and the The Alfredo Taylor Railroad Gate.

Tom said the real estate market has marginally improved with eight residential properties and five land parcels for sale.

There being on further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50.

Libby and Michael