



**TOWN OF NORFOLK
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
October 13, 2022, 5:00pm via Zoom
MINUTES**

Present: Libby Borden, Sue Frisch, Larry Hannafin, Kate Johnson, Brett Robbins,
Michael Selleck
Absent: Marie Lowe, Tom McGowan, Jim Nelson, Jon Riedeman
Guests: Ruth Melville

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

The minutes of the August 11, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

The board unanimously approved a donation from the EDC to the Rails to Trails Committee for Tour de Forest.

Libby thanked Marie Lowe and the Community Association for the continued enhancement of the entrance signs.

Libby wanted to remind committees and commissions in town hall that the EDC sponsors a blanket membership at the Hub for their use.

It was agreed to keep the same time and day for EDC meetings in 2023. Libby will create a schedule by December to be voted on.

Brett reported on fiber optics. He said that Sharon has an agreement with Comcast to wire 27 miles of roads. Norfolk has been in discussion with Frontier and Brett will keep the EDC informed as the discussions progress.

Michael and Libby proposed six projects going forward and Michael suggested we add fiber optics to the list.

- a. Outreach: invite organizations to EDC and have EDC members visit other organizations
- b. Reach out to business community
- c. EDC/POCD initiatives
- d. New Housing in Norfolk sewer district overview
- e. Traffic calming
- f. Friday nights on the Village Green and Summer Saturdays in City Meadow

Ideally, each EDC commission member will take responsibility for one of these initiatives.

To begin, Libby will send out the list of 179 businesses to the commission members that was used for contacting businesses about ARPA funds.

Other ongoing projects/updates include:

- a. Foundation for Norfolk Living
- b. WIN
- c. Yale in Norfolk
- d. Community Association

Kate reported that FNL received \$350,000 CBDG money for the purchase of the Haystack Woods land. More money will be forthcoming as the project progresses.

Sue said that WIN is preparing for the Winter Win Weekend. She also reported that the video project is moving slowly. She said that the town website, now under the auspices of the town, is looking for an advisory board and asked EDC for suggestions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55.

Libby and Michael, Co-chairs of the EDC