

Town of North Canaan
EDC meeting
November 18, 2021
Regular meeting

Present: Chairman Chris Tripler, Paul Foeller, Christian Allyn, Bob Riva, Will Perotti, Kathy Ducillo, John Lannen, Terry Dogherty,

Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Chairman Tripler moved to accept the minutes with the correction of Mike Hogan to Mike Reagan. Motion was approved unanimous.

The signing of the broadband letter to the selectmen was completed. The committee encourages the town to move forward with a broadband committee to ensure it is in place when RFP's come out. The consensus is that with federal grants it is best to be first in line.

Guest speakers Libby Borden and Shelly Harms from the Norfolk Land Trust were present. Maps were brought to show the committee outlining the land trusts and the easements in Norfolk. Currently 1150 acres are owned by the land trust. There was a discussion of Robbins Swamp which fell to Norfolk because Canaan did not have a land trust established. There was an explanation of how they work their land trust, their criteria that goes into it both negative and positive. Easements do not get a town tax break, only a federal tax deduction. Grants are important. Hiring local people, doing programs, having hikes and trail runs. Properties cannot be developed. Discussion of trails in North Canaan (currently 4 with 1 closed). Norfolk is willing to help North Canaan in any way that they can – it is a lot of paperwork. There was discussion of farmland in North Canaan as well as trails in North Canaan.

Further discussion regarding availability for trails – Greenway, one behind elementary school, North Elm Street trail. Discussion of promotion of trails, having the trail map on the town website. Discussion of walking map and signage. Mr. Perotti stated that his understanding from the First Selectman is that the committee can go out and solicit donations for signage. Discussion of a sidewalk from the firehouse to the brewery.

Tim Abbott was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

6:55pm = Recording Secretary had to leave the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary

