

## NORTON FUND COMMISSION

November 10, 2020

Zoom Meeting, Andover CT

### CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Dianne Grenier called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dianne Grenier, Charlotte Nelson, Jan Neumuth, Bill Penn, and Heidi Xenophontos

Dianne welcomed new members Charlotte & Bill, sworn in by Town Clerk this month, and acknowledged the service of Cheryl Mayhew and Sarah Shapiro who resigned in September. Jan volunteered to serve as Secretary.

### MINUTES:

Heidi moved to approve minutes of May 12, 2020, Jan seconded, minutes approved unanimously.

Jan moved to approve minutes of October 13, 2020, Heidi seconded, minutes approved unanimously.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

None

### FINANCES:

Heidi reported that both the Norton Fund & the Brown Fund can be used in 2021 for two \$1000 scholarships.

No expenses, no requests to date for seasonal assistance.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Diane gave a brief history of the Norton Fund Commission for the benefit of the two new members, and explained the purpose and activities of the Norton Fund.

After discussion on Fund assistance throughout the year, Diane made the following motion: **“Any request for assistance from the Norton Children’s Fund (other than the Scholarship) must be accompanied by a completed Norton Children’s Fund Commission Application Form.”** Jan seconded, approved unanimously. The Application will be redesigned with more appropriate wording for this purpose, as suggested by Bill.

Discussion followed on Scholarship details. Jan spoke to Loree Connors, RHAM Guidance Counselor, for actual number of Andover Students in Class of 2021, which is 36, and this total was compared to number of Scholarship applications received in the past. The application for the Brown Fund scholarship will be modified to indicate applicant’s interest in History, as requested by Fund.

Discussion followed on the possibility of applying for the American Eagle Financial Credit Union Cash Back to the Community program. Because the Norton Fund Commission is not a 501c3, consensus was this would not be pursued.

“Ways to get the word out” about the Norton Fund resulted in lengthy discussion. Charlotte explained her idea for a Facebook page specifically for the Fund, and volunteered to set it up.

Heidi explained “Guess the Norton Number” event, which she oversees. She will contact AES Principal in January, to begin contest in February.

Dates for 2021 Meetings are:

May 12, 2021, 7:00 PM, Place TBD or Zoom Meeting

November 10, 2021, 7:00 PM, Place TBD or Zoom Meeting

Annual Report will be reviewed and submitted by Dianne.

### ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned by Heidi at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Neumuth

Norton Commission Secretary