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CORE Commission 2023 FEB 13 PM 3: 48
February 8, 2023 – Meeting via Zoom

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Shawn Pelletier, Vice Chair Amy Domeika, Judith Barnes, Nancy Nelson, Jeffrey Koonankeil, and Jillian Vinci

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Jah-Marley Wright - Alternate

OTHERS PRESENT: Board of Selectman Liaison Denise Turner

1. Call to Order

Chair Shawn Pelletier called the meeting to order at 6:46pm with a roll call to establish a quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Judith Barnes

3. Approval of Minutes

November 16, 2022 Meeting: Motion to approve - J. Barnes Second by - N. Nelson

Vote: Unanimous to approve

4. Old Business

Amended comments to Sept 21, 2022 meeting minutes from citizen Lisa Johnson was accepted.

Motion to approve - J. Barnes Second by - A. Domeika Vote: Unanimous to approve

5. New Business

Election of Officers for 2023

Chair – S. Pelletier Motion by - J. Barnes Second by - N. Nelson Vote: 4 Y / 1 N / 1 Abstained

Vice Chair – N. Nelson Motion by - J. Koonankeil Second by - S. Pelletier Vote: 5 Y / 1 Abstained

2023 meeting schedule

Approval to have meetings on the 3rd Wed of each month, start time at 6:00pm

Motion to approve - J. Barnes Second by - N. Nelson Vote: Unanimous to approve

Donation policy

Denise Turner will investigate if any commission has a donation policy in place. Guidance is needed on how to withdrawal money from the CORE account. Amy suggested following up with Ron Goldstein from the Theater / Orchestra group.

Motion to table approval - J. Barnes Second by: S. Pelletier Vote: Unanimous

2023 Holiday Educational celebration list

Shawn asked each member to select one holiday between April – December. This allows CORE to share information for educational purposes with the public. Other ideas suggested is to host a Zoom Watch party.

ACTION: Select one holiday to develop a 1 page write up on, share your decision at March meeting.

Guidelines for Educational Writeups

Approval to follow guidelines for the development, review, and approval among CORE members.

Motion to approve - N. Nelson Second by – J. Barnes Vote: Unanimous to approve

2023 Colchester Celebrations

Discussed ideas for Women's History Month celebration. Ideas include Library display, booth of each participant's business, and panel discussion. Location: Library Date 3/18

ACTION:

- CORE members to help organize the Women's History Month event in town.
- Judy to follow up with local church about a course on How to deal with difficult situations.
- Further discussion needed to determine which celebrations CORE should focus on

2023 Goals

Members discussed hosting community conversations to gain a better understanding of issues, experiences, or perceptions in Colchester. CORE needs more discussion to finalize the details and timing on what this can look like.

Survey

Survey questions were developed as a tool to better understand issues in town. The draft survey questions were reviewed and question #8 needs to be revised or deleted.

There was a numbering error in the agenda (5-8), it has been corrected in these minutes.

6. **Citizens Comments** - none

7. **Adjournment**

Chair Pelletier adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm.