



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

CORE COMMISSION AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, June 21, 2023

6:00 PM In-Person Meeting

Pavillion at RecPlex

297 Old Hebron Rd

Colchester, CT

(ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA ARE SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE ACTION)

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1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Minutes – May 17, 2023
4. Additions or Deletions to the agenda
5. Guest speakers Sgt. Zachary Cash - Colchester Resident Trooper, Cpl Craig Sheele - School Resource Officer and Trooper Nesci – Community Trust Liaison.
  - The discussion will focus on how police are trained in unconscious bias, insights into mental health services for police officers, and tips for building a more inclusive community.
6. Citizen's Comments
7. Old Business
  - Update on CORE Donation policy
  - Speaker:
    - Russ Melmed from Chatham Health
8. New Business
  - Update on the CORE Facebook site (Jillian)
  - Update from Subcommittee
    - Community conversations (Nancy)

- Reminder: PRIDE Month discussion on 6/29 at Senior Center, 5:30pm
- Farmers Market in July & August
  - Host a table to build on the momentum.
- 325<sup>th</sup> Colchester Birthday Celebration
  - Commissions can participate on 9/9 or during restaurant week 10/9 through 10/15

## 9. Adjournment

### CORE Donations:

Date	Amount	Purpose	Notes
8/30/22 (Date when money was given to the Colchester town)	\$110.00	Donations from residents who visited the Juneteenth table (6/19/22) and PRIDE Month table (6/26/22) on the town green.	Money was given to the former Finance Director, Debbie Kratochvil during a meeting on 8/30/22 in the First Selectman's office. Shawn Pelletier, Debbie Kratochvil, and Andreas Bisbikos were present in the meeting. Shawn was told the money would be tracked along with other funds. She got the impression it was going to be tracked in Excel, in a separate worksheet for CORE. Debbie also mentioned putting it under Misc tab. Shawn never received confirmation on how the money would be tracked. Debbie told her that CORE needed to have a Donation Policy. An initial policy was drafted in October 2022, then it was updated with more detail in Nov/Dec timeframe.
TBD (need to finalize donation policy)	\$50.00	2023 CORE Calendars	The original goal was to sell ten 2023 Calendars at Celebrate Colchester on 9/17/22. No CORE members were available for that date, so Tiffany Quinn agreed to let the calendars be sold at the Parks & Rec table. Unfortunately, the calendars didn't arrive in time for the 9/17 event. All 10 calendars were sold afterward. In December 2022, Debbie Kratochvil would not accept the \$50.00 until CORE had a final Donation policy in place.
TBD (need to finalize donation policy)	\$147.50	Donations from residents who visited the PRIDE Month table at 43 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Tag Sale on 6/11/23 & the Juneteenth table on 6/18/23. Both events held on the town green.	The Chair of the Commission will hold the money until the following are in place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An approved Donation policy is in place.</li> <li>- A clear understanding of how the Finance Dept is tracking the money.</li> <li>- A process for withdrawing money from the town when needed.</li> </ul>