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

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TOWN CLERK

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.