

CORE Commission  
Aug 16, 2023 Meeting via ZOOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Shawn Pelletier, Judith Barnes, Nancy Nelson, and Sally Whipple

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Jeffrey Koonankeil, Jillian Vinci, Jah-Marley Wright – Alternate, Board of Selectman  
Liaison Denise Turner

OTHERS PRESENT:

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Shawn Pelletier called the meeting to order at 6:33pm with a roll call to establish a quorum.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance** led by J. Barnes

**3. Approval of Minutes**

June 21, 2023 Meeting: Motion to approve: N. Nelson Second by: S. Whipple

Vote: Unanimous to approve

**4. Additions or Deletions to the agenda** – None

**5. OLD Business** – There has been no update on the CORE Donation policy.

**6. New Business**

- Subcommittee update: N. Nelson gave an update on the Sept 26 “Youth Conversations”. Invitation has been created, Nancy has been personally hand delivering the invitation when she can, calling and emailing. The next subcommittee meeting is Aug 22 to discuss the topics to be discussed.
- Provided an update from the Farmer’s Market CORE Tent from Aug 6. CORE members engaged with community members to collect ideas on where CORE can focus its attention to be a more welcoming town. Various thoughts were shared, and one consistent theme that emerged across all age groups is, the “nasty comments on various Colchester Facebook sites.” Nasty comments give an impression of Colchester that is not flattering to the community, nor some of the residents. This prompted the idea of a voluntary Facebook Pledge.
- CORE members discussed the idea of a FB Pledge, reviewed the draft document to collect thoughts, as well as how to launch it. All CORE members like and support the idea, and a motion was made to develop a Facebook pledge.  
Motion to approve: J. Barnes Second by: N. Nelson  
Vote: Unanimous to approve
- CORE members agreed to have designated time on the agenda to discuss current events, while keeping it aligned with the CORE mission statement (elevate understanding, foster a community built on inclusive dialogue, etc.). This is a learning journey, and each member needs to take turns bringing up topics for discussion. CORE members agreed to do this, a motion was made to have designated time at each meeting.  
Motion to approve: N. Nelson Second by: J. Barnes  
Vote: Unanimous to approve

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- CORE will not be hosting a tent & table at the 9/9 Celebrate Colchester Festival due to the lack of availability of members.
- In Sept, we will take a deeper dive into the 2023 Colchester Health Equity Report.

7. Citizen's Comments - none

8. Adjournment - Chair Pelletier adjourned the meeting at 7:43pm.