

CORE Commission
Sept 20, 2023 Meeting via ZOOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Shawn Pelletier, Judith Barnes, Nancy Nelson, Jillian Vinci, Jeffrey Koonankeil, and Sally Whipple

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 6:03pm with a roll call to establish a quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by J. Barnes

3. Approval of Minutes

Aug 16, 2023 Meeting: Motion to approve: N. Nelson Second by: J. Barnes

Vote: Unanimous to approve

4. Additions or Deletions to the agenda – Scarecrow Contest

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”. Invitations were sent, she personally hand delivered the invitation to some, called and emailed others.
- Facebook Pledge: A DRAFT voluntary Facebook Pledge was circulated among a small group of town employees to collect initial reactions to the idea. Due to the pending local elections in Nov, the idea wasn’t supported to do it now. CORE will look at doing this, perhaps in the New year.
- Colchester 2023 Equity Profile Report: The commission discussed this year’s report. Unfortunately, the report didn’t have the same level of detail as the 2021 report, regarding race & ethnicity data for Colchester. Follow up is needed to better understand the purpose of this report.
- 325 Colchester Birthday Celebration update: S. Pelletier gave an update on the planned events for the town celebration, starting on 9/30 and ending on 10/15.
- Monthly Learning Opportunities: S. Pelletier discussed a recent NPR interview she heard on the “Increase in hate crimes” across the US. The take home message is, Words Matter. Jillian agreed to lead a short discussion next month.
- Scarecrow Contest: J. Barnes discussed a few ideas. Committee members need to think of a new theme for this year’s contest. All ideas are welcome.

7. Citizen’s Comments - none

8. Adjournment - Chair Pelletier adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

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