

**CORE Commission Meeting**  
June 15, 2022 – Meeting held via Zoom

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Shawn Pelletier, Vice Chair Amy Domeika, Judith Barnes, Kymberly Cianci, Nancy Nelson

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Jah-Marley Wright, Jeffrey Koonankeil

OTHERS PRESENT: Board of Selectman liaison Denise Turner

NOTE: Numbering was off in the corresponding agenda and was corrected in the minutes.

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Shawn Pelletier called the meeting to order with a roll call to establish a quorum.

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

**3. Approval of Minutes**

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

**4. ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Request to add two items to the agenda:

- 1) Discuss Pride Month celebration
- 2) Discuss inviting similar commissions or community groups to our meetings to discuss approaches and possible collaborations.

Motion by: A. Domeika to approve      Second by: N. Nelson      Vote: Unanimous to approve

**5. Citizens Comment**

No comments

**6. New Business**

**6A. Use of Town website for sharing resources**

Discussed using the town website to post information about the CORE commission and resources. Page has been updated. Need to finalize how we want to use the buttons that were created. Follow up questions for the FS office, including storage limitations, access, and operating rules.

**6B. Update on planning Juneteenth celebration**

Reviewed all activities including an update on individual assignments. Overall, we are in good shape with a few remaining items to complete such as printing coloring pages, handouts about Juneteenth, etc.

**6C. July and August CORE Meetings**

Discussed the July 20 meeting date and though ½ the commission will be on vacation, there is a commitment from members to dial in to the meeting and the July meeting date will remain as is. The summer meetings are going to remain via Zoom to accommodate vacations. Starting in the Fall, we will have face to face or hybrid meetings. Hybrid equipment at the Townhall won't be ready until October so we will adjust the meeting format as needed.

**6D. Addition of PRIDE Month**

Agreement to host a PRIDE month table on 6/26 at the Farmer's Market. Planning for the event will occur during the week and the general layout and assemble of activities will be the same. All Commission members are welcome to help on 6/26.

**6E. Speakers from other Commissions**

Nancy Nelson spoke to Amy and Donna (last names not mentioned) from Hebron CODE (Coalition on Diversity and Equity) and they explained what they are doing with their DE&I efforts. They are not a Commission; Donna writes grants and has helped CODE receive money. They work with local officials, schools, businesses, etc. It appears their efforts are focused on collaboration to create more of a community effort. A few members of the commission will be reaching out to Donna and Amy to better understand their work and to discover what the possibilities are. We will see when they are available to come talk to us at a future upcoming meeting. Other groups to potentially talk to include Portland.

No votes necessary for Items 6A-E.

**7. Set Priorities for Next Month**

**7A.** Debrief on our first two events (Juneteenth and PRIDE) to collect lessons learned

**7B.** Review a calendar of events throughout the remainder of the year. Discuss planning sessions for upcoming events.

**7C.** Identify groups and other commissions who we can collaborate with

No vote necessary for Items 7A-C.

**8. Chair Closing Comments**

Chair Pelletier closed the meeting with a quote from President Barack Obama in observance of Juneteenth.

**9. Adjournment**

Chair Pelletier adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm.