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CORE Commission  
April 19, 2023 – Meeting via Zoom

*Maye Furman*  
TOWN CLERK

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

MEMBERS and OTHERS NOT PRESENT:; Jah-Marley Wright – Alternate: Board of Selectman Liaison Denise Turner

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Shawn Pelletier called the meeting to order at 6:02pm with a roll call to establish a quorum.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance** led by S. Pelletier

**3. Approval of Minutes**

March 15, 2023 Meeting minutes: Motion to approve including fixing the typo - N. Nelson Second by: J. Vinci. Vote: Unanimous to approve

**4. Additions and Deletions to the agenda:** None

**5. Old Business**

Update on CORE Donation Policy – none given as Denise was not present.

Follow up on bringing in 2 speakers – Sgt. Zachary for June; Russ Melmed for July. Motion to approve: J. Barnes. Second by: S. Whipple Vote: Unanimous to approve

**6. New Business**

- Reviewed updated CORE Bylaws: The new wording about the annual elections is fine. Further investigation is needed regarding attendance provisions by disruptive citizens. Motion to table the discussion – J. Barnes Second by – N. Nelson Vote: Unanimous to approve
- 2023 Holiday Educational Writeup Assignments  
J. Vinci selected *The Hajj* on 6/26. S. Whipple selected the *Americans with Disabilities Act* on 7/26.
- CORE Facebook site  
J. Vinci will present the idea of CORE having a FaceBook page on 5/4/23 BOS mtg.
- Updates from the Subcommittees:  
Community Conversations – N. Nelson is organizing a Special Meeting for 5/9 at 6:00pm to discuss what a Community Conversation can look like.  
Juneteenth – S. Pelletier gave an update from the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on the ideas shared.  
PRIDE Month – S. Pelletier gave an update from the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, similar ideas were shared to support the month-long event.
- Colchester Town Celebrations and Acknowledgements 2023. As previously discussed, S. Pelletier worked with K. Byroad, T. Quinn, A. Bisbikos, and D. Turner to look at which holidays should Colchester be celebrating or acknowledging as a way to build more inclusion in the town.

7. **Citizens Comments** – none

8. **Adjournment** - Chair Pelletier adjourned the meeting at 6:46pm.