

CORE Commission  
May 17, 2023 – Meeting via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Shawn Pelletier, Amy Domeika, Judith Barnes, Jillian Vinci and Sally Whipple

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Jeffrey Koonankeil; Vice Chair Nancy Nelson, 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 6:02pm with a roll call to establish a quorum.

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

**3. Approval of Minutes**

April 19, 2023 Meeting: Motion to approve: J. Barnes Second by: J. Vinci

Vote: Unanimous to approve

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

**5. Guest Speaker - Tiffany Quinn from Parks and Rec**

Tiffany explained how Colchester's Summer Day Camp works. The program is designed to serve people of all needs and abilities. Colchester worked with 3 different school districts to create this. Colchester won the Inclusive or Adaptive Program of Merit Award and received 149K to support the program.

**6. OLD Business**

Update on CORE Donation Policy – This is pending as Denise has not been able to follow up on it yet.

Speakers – The meeting with Sgt. Z. Cash will be in-person in June. S. Pelletier will follow up with R.

Melmed to see when a good time is to come back and discuss the Health Equity Report in detail.

**7. New Business**

- A motion to approve the updated CORE by-Laws was made by J. Barnes. Second by: S. Whipple  
Vote: Unanimous to approve
- Reviewed the 2023 Holiday / Celebration Educational list
- Jillian gave a verbal update on the CORE Facebook site, the site was approved by the BoS in early May
- Subcommittee updates:  
Community conversations: Children are losing out on the Arts and it's important to reach those kids. The next meeting will be sometime in June.

Juneteenth: CORE will host a tent on June 18 at the Town Green, the Facebook site will be used to advertise it, as well as other means. There was a discussion about hosting a Juneteenth Community training by purchasing the training content from Melaneyes

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Media. At this point, the feeling was to wait and see, get clarity on what exactly will be purchased, as there are two different training materials on Juneteenth from Melaneyes Media.

PRIDE Month: CORE will participate in the Annual Tag Sale on June 11. CORE will also participate in a PRIDE Month presentation at the Senior Center on June 29<sup>th</sup> along with Colchester is Kind and Cragin Library.

CORE will be part of the "Celebrate Colchester on 9/9" festivities, which is also the kickoff to the 325<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party. Details of what this will look like will be discussed at future meetings. Motion to approve by S. Pelletier. Second by J. Barnes

8. Citizens Comments – none

9. **Adjournment** - Chair Pelletier adjourned the meeting at 7:03pm.