

CORE Commission  
July 19, 2023 Meeting via ZOOM

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Shawn Pelletier, Judith Barnes, Jillian Vinci, Jeffrey Koonan, Nancy Nelson, 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 6:01pm 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: J. Vinci

Vote: Unanimous to approve

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

**5. OLD Business** – There has been no update from the Finance Director, Mary Williamson on specific details needed to finalize the CORE Donation policy.

**6. New Business**

- Amy Domeika resigned from CORE so there is now a vacancy.
- Holiday writeups due (1 in July and two in August)
- Subcommittee update: N. Nelson gave an update on hosting “Youth Conversations”. To date, people in the town have been receptive to the idea. The subcommittee needs to create an invitation letter and get that sent out. Tentative date will be towards the end of Sept.
- Discussed ideas for a theme on August 6, tent on the town green. Ideas included tying the theme into Women’s Equality Day; building inclusion; creating a 3-5 question survey (via Survey monkey) to capture thoughts from residents; having a multi-cultural event on the green; showing the demographics in Colchester and show an infographic for illustration; actively put effort into making people feel like they fit in; focus on what unites us, not divides us; do more learning and talking rather than planning activities; need for more education; gain insights from different perspectives; bring in speakers; Sally to look up information about town demographics regarding diversity.

**7. Adjournment** - Chair Pelletier adjourned the meeting at 7:11pm.