

CORE Commission
Dec 20, 2023 Meeting via ZOOM
Revised 17Jan2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Shawn Pelletier, Nancy Nelson, Judith Barnes, Sally Whipple

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Jillian Vinci, Jeffrey Koonankeil, 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 6:05pm with roll call to establish a quorum.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by J. Barnes

3. Approval of Minutes

Nov 15, 2023 Meeting: Motion to approve: J. Barnes Second by: N. Nelson

Vote: Unanimous to approve

4. Additions or Deletions to the agenda – none

5. New Business

- CORE Meeting schedule
 - Rooms at the Town Hall have been reserved for every CORE meeting in 2024. Agreed to meet in person for Jan & Feb meetings, weather permitting. Motion to approve: S. Whipple Second by: S. Pelletier
- MLK event
 - Scheduled for on Saturday, January 13 from 10-12:00PM. Agreed to have a reading with questions at the end to generate discussion on how attendees have adopted the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. into their lives. Agreed to have a community representation like we did in Jan 2023 (Troop K, Fire Dept, Pastor, Rabi, Library, Sr Center, and Local government) plus extend the invitation to other groups like Bacon Academy and the Historical Society.
- Update on the Youth Conversations
 - N. Nelson is looking to organize a conversation with the Youth sometime in Jan or Feb 2024 timeframe. N. Nelson will work with subcommittee members to organize the meeting.
- Park & Rec / CORE effort
 - Work on adding DE&I language into the P&R vision and mission statements. Develop a statement that says what Colchester prides itself on or stands for. This would be an introduction statement for the town. Develop a way to ask for community involvement on their thoughts. This can be done via restaurants, FB, drop box at the town hall, etc. on what the Intro statement can look like. More discussion on this is needed before presenting it to the BoS for discussion and approval.
- Monthly Learning Opportunities:
 - Sally talked about novels that she has read over the years and how that has widened her views and got her thinking differently about issues.

7. Citizen's Comments – none

8. Adjournment - Chair Pelletier adjourned the meeting at 7:10PM.

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