

CORE Commission
Jan 17, 2024
Meeting Room 2 Town Hall

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Shawn Pelletier, Nancy Nelson, Judith Barnes, Sally Whipple and Jillian Vinci,
MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: 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 6:01 pm with roll call to establish a quorum.

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

3. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from Dec 20, 2024 were approved with 1 correction, change the word from “removed” to “reserved”. Motion to approve: N. Nelson Second by: J. Barnes. Vote: Unanimous to approve

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

5. **New Business**

- MLK event
 - Comments were made about what a great job the readers did. There was some discussion on the closing comments addressing the lack of diversity. The audience reflected the racial makeup of the town, and perhaps in the future, we can get speakers from outside of Colchester to add more racial diversity to the mix of speakers.
- Update on BHM
 - We are hosting a Community Book Club that will start on Feb 1. Three dates have been set up for the book club meetings:
 - 2/15 at Colchester Federated Church
 - 2/24 at Colchester Federated Church
 - 2/29 at Senior Center
 - There will be daily trivia questions for 25 days. Details of the trivia need to be worked out.
- Update on the Youth Conversations
 - N. Nelson reserved Colchester Federated Church for March 5. She is looking to have a minimum of 5 youth, and possibly a separate session running at the same time for parents.
- Election of New Officers
 - Jillian Vinci will be the Chair for 2024
 - Nancy Nelson will be the Vice Chair for 2024
 - Both nominations received unanimous support and 5 YES's
- Monthly Learning Opportunities:
 - Shawn mentioned 3 facts about MLK that some people may not know: 1) His real name was Michael; MLK worked with Motown Records to create an album of his speeches which provided a larger platform for him; and he won a Grammy in 1971 for his speech against the Vietnam war.

7. **Citizen's Comments** – none

8. **Adjournment** - Chair Pelletier adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.