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Tracy Beland, Commissioner
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Kristen Granatek, Commissioner
Greg Klimek, Commissioner
Joseph Krolikowski, Commissioner
Mary Fortier, City Council Liaison



**Commission for Persons with Disabilities
Bristol, CT 06010**

**Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2020**

7:00 PM – Bristol City Hall First Floor Meeting Room

Our Mission

To promote inclusion and improve the quality of life for people in Bristol with a disability, by providing a network of partnerships with local resources that foster self-sufficiency, dignity, and respect

Present: Micari, Fortier, Beland, Ewings, Graime, Granatek, Krolikowski

Absent: Klimek

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: The December 11, 2019 minutes was approved. (Beland, seconded)

Presentation: Audra Talbot, President, Special Education Parent Teacher Organization
Audra explained SEPTO's role as a city-wide resource that meets monthly on the second Tuesday at Main Library. Parent empowerment through "learning the system" is the primary goal and peer support is encouraged. Speakers discuss relevant topics such as the IEP and legal issues. Audra also facilitates connections with the Board of Education and with legislators. She frankly discussed the inconsistent attendance at meetings, while fully understanding the demands on parents. Discussion ensued on the value of a voluntary special needs registry for first responders, and the obstacles in creating such a list. Audra agreed to research this action and to return in March for further discussion.

New/Current Business

- *Commissioner Granatek strongly suggested that individuals from the public who attend the Commission meeting adhere to the written agenda, as Public Participation is a dedicated portion of the meeting. Subsequent discussion supported the importance of organized and efficient proceedings.
- *Commissioner Beland informed that the Commission email is: bristoldisabilitycommission@gmail.com. Cathy Savino will advise in regard to a professional printer for business card design.
- * Councilor Fortier reported that Police Captain Guerrera has not yet responded to the sidewalk accessibility matter at the Route 6/Jerome Avenue intersection. For businesses that do not address their obligations for snow removal, ticketing likely is not a deterrent. It was suggested that a statement for snow removal be sent directly to the business. Updates to follow.
- *Guest speakers for future meetings was discussed, with updates to be listed in the February agenda.
- *Motion to suspend a speaker for the February meeting: Krolkowski, seconded.
Commissioner Klimek to chair the meeting.

Correspondence

None

Public Participation

David McAllister, in an earlier comment, stated that he has not spoken with Lt. Duval about extending the crosswalk timing at a highly trafficked intersection. He agreed to return to the Commission when he has the information that he is seeking.

Motion to adjourn: Beland, seconded **Meeting adjourned:** 8:40 PM

Next meeting: February 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM, first floor meeting room

Presentation: None

**Submitted by,
Ruth Ann Graime, Secretary**

