

Daniel A. Micari, Commissioner, Chairperson  
Tracy Beland, Commissioner  
Gloria Ewings, Commissioner  
Ruth Ann Graime, Commissioner, Secretary  
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 13, 2021**

**7:00 PM – Virtual Meeting**

**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, Ewings, Graime, Granatek, Klimek, Krolikowski

**Absent:** Beland

**Call to order:** 7:03 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Minutes:** The December 9, 2020 minutes was approved.

**Presentation:** None scheduled

**New/Current Business**

\*Regarding the Election of Officers, as proposed by Commissioner Klimek, Chairman Micari was advised that this step is unnecessary, as the Commission has no by-laws that specify this procedure.

\*Chairman Micari informed the Commission of his request to the Zoning Department to streamline the accessibility application process for persons with disabilities and to waive the \$185 application fee. City Planner Robert Flanagan will be invited to speak to the Commission in regard to the newly-passed Reasonable Accommodation Zoning Amendment.

- \*Discussion ensued on the request by Sarah Larson, Deputy Superintendent of Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services for a letter of endorsement in support of Capital Improvement Projects at the E.G. Stocks and Casey Field Upgrades and Page Park Renovations and Improvements. Motion for Chairman Micari to compose and submit this letter (Klimek, seconded).
- \*Commissioner Ewings suggested to create a collection of useful health and safety ideas and resource links for persons with disabilities during the pandemic. She agreed to compile this material for the Commission website.
- \*Regarding the virtual CT-ADA conference: Because the session summaries written by the attendees were of minimal interest to the Commission, Commissioner Granatek suggested a PDF on the website, for future reference if needed. Chairman Micari mentioned future ADA trainings on disability, geared to specific individuals in the field.
- \*Chairman Micari expressed concern that the Zoom platform is excluding a broader audience. He plans to reach out to Bristol Library and housing sites to determine feasibility of sharing computers for a call-in option.

### **Old Business**

None

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Public Participation**

None

**Motion to adjourn:** Klimek, seconded

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:50 PM

**Next meeting:** February 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM, held virtually  
Presentation: City Planner Robert Flanagan

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

