

Daniel A. Micari, Commissioner, Chairperson
Tracy Beland, Commissioner
Ruth Ann Graime, Commissioner, Secretary
Kristen Granatek, Commissioner
Greg Klimek, Commissioner
Joseph Krolikowski, Commissioner
Heather Woodbury, Commissioner
Mary Fortier, City Council Liaison



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

**Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2019**

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

Our Mission

To Promote The Integration And Participation of Persons With Disabilities by Creating Economic, Housing, Political, And Social Opportunities Through Community Partnerships.

Present: Micari, Fortier, Graime, Klimek, Krolikowski

Absent: Beland, Granatek, Woodbury

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: The February 13, 2019 minutes was approved (Krolikowski, Klimek).

Presentations: Police Lieutenant Richard Guerrero and Deputy Fire Chief Mark McCarthy
Dave McAllister, Rotary Club President

Lieutenant Guerrero and Deputy Chief McCarthy responded to presubmitted questions in regard to recognizing a disability, addressing crisis situations, and emergency response. Twenty police officers have received crisis intervention training, although a formal Crisis Intervention Team is not available. No specific police intervention protocols are established; actions depend on the situation at hand. Fire department priorities remain straightforward: rescue individuals and put out the fire. All group homes, child care sites, and rehab facilities are required to have evacuation plans in place, along with scheduled fire drills. For evacuation due to flooding and environmental issues, the contact is the Director of Emergency Management (Harley Graime). As to increasing the timing at crosswalks, Traffic Commander Lt. Michael Duval is the initial contact. Chairman Micari agreed to pursue this matter.

Dave McAllister provided an overview on Rotary Club initiatives, including the expanding scholarship program and annual mini-grants. These grants support community efforts that address literacy, child welfare, and food security. Rotary members maintain the Barnes Nature Center Trails and support the InterAct Club at Bristol Central High School.

New/Current Business

- *Regarding the proposed press release upon completion of the Divinity Street sidewalk repair, Councilor Fortier suggested that BDA Public Relations Coordinator Dawn Nielsen be contacted (860-584-6190). Chairman Micari offered to contact her.
- *Commissioner Krolikowsky has posted a list of the remaining speakers on bristolct.org.
- *Commissioners agreed on the usefulness of a business card to distribute to our speakers, in an effort to increase community awareness of Commission advocacy. Discussion will continue at the April meeting on the design of the card, on pursuing a listing in the Disability Resource Guide, and on a reevaluation of Our Mission to more clearly reflect the ways that the Commission can assist individuals.
- *Commissioner Klimek informed that Election of Officers must occur each year. Motion to reinstate Chairman Micari and Commissioner/Secretary Graime, seconded and passed.
- *May 8 presentation: Lisa and Warren Corson, Pillwillop Farm

Old Business

None

Correspondence

None

Public Participation

- *A citizen mentioned that there is no speed limit sign on Kelly Street, resulting in many cases of speeding. Commissioner Klimek explained that such signs usually are not placed on side streets. Councilor Fortier asked if there is a default speed limit on streets where no sign is posted. Chairman Micari will address that matter with Traffic Commander Lt. Duval.

Motion to adjourn: Klimek, Krolikowski **Meeting adjourned:** 8:40 PM

Next meeting: April 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM First Floor Meeting Room

Ruth Ann Graime, Secretary