

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**

**Minutes for Special Meeting  
July 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, Ewings, Graime, Klimek. Webex: Fortier, Beland, Granatek, Krolikowski

**Absent:** None

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:** The March 11, 2020 minutes was approved. (Klimek, seconded)

**Discussion: Refining the role of this Commission during a period of isolation**

**1. How is the quarantine impacting vulnerable populations in Bristol?**

According to City social organizations, the prevalence of virtual learning is leading to regression in children who need direct intervention/interaction.

A social-emotional impact is evident due to the absence of stimulation and familiar routine. An increase in domestic abuse cases and subsequent home visits is reported by DCF, which has halted otherwise routine home visits.

**2. What actions of the Commission may be most effective on behalf of the persons whom we represent?**

No new initiatives were introduced. Commissioners, however, are determined to continue a social media presence and the maintenance of an email address. Yet, Commissioner Beland confirmed neither a social media following nor any email responses. The Commission webpage will contain updated links to resources, in the event that public interest arises in the future. Chairman Micari suggested that the Disability Scoop website be added to the links. Commissioners will respond to referrals, when received, from the Mayor's Office on behalf persons with disabilities. Further action on business cards is tabled while the Commission solidifies its community impact and/or refines its roles.

**Update on proposed City Hall renovations:**

Councilor Fortier reported on the significant infrastructure problems, including asbestos and heating/cooling. Renovation plans are addressing full ADA compliance: accessible bathrooms, parking spaces near doors, single-floor offices, ramps leading to atrium. Architectural renderings are available on the Public Works website.

**Motion to adjourn:** Klimek, seconded

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:30 PM

**Next meeting:** September 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM, first floor meeting room

Presentation: Sarah Larson, Deputy Superintendent of Bristol Parks, Recreation, Youth and Community Services

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

