

Daniel A. Micari, Commissioner, Chairperson
Tracy Beland, Commissioner
Barbara Bajurny, Commissioner
Gloria Ewings, Commissioner
Ruth Ann Graime, Commissioner, Secretary
Greg Klimek, Commissioner
Joseph Krolikowski, Commissioner
Jacqueline Olsen, City Council Liaison



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

**Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2023**

7:00 PM – Bristol Public Library, Community Room 2 and Virtual Format

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

Reasonable Accommodation Statement

The Bristol Commission for Persons with Disabilities is committed to equal access to, and participation in, all meetings and Commission-sponsored programs and events. Individuals who require an accommodation in order to fully participate, including physical access, communication assistance, or other special need, should contact Daniel A. Micari at damicari@yahoo.com, at least seven business days prior to the scheduled meeting, program, or event.

Present: Micari, Beland, Bajurny, Ewings, Graime

Absent: Klimek, Krolikowski, Olsen

Call to order: 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Ewings/Graime, passed

Presentation: None scheduled

New/Current Business

*Regarding the campaign for bus transportation to the Adult Education Center and additional locations on the Route 502/229 Corridor: in a Legislative Meeting held simultaneously to the Commission meeting, Senator Henry Martin revealed that a \$1.2 million budget item to expand bus service on that route was signed by Governor Lamont. A formal announcement will follow.

- *Commissioner Bajurny counted nine people who requested smoke detector units, to be provided by the Bristol Fire Department. Of those, three people will require hard wiring. Fire Chief Richard Hart agreed to set up that procedure. Chairman Micari and Emergency Management Director Harley Graime plan to visit the households to confirm the need. Harley mentioned that he has illustrated booklets for distribution from the Fire Dept. that enable communication in emergency situations.
- *Commissioner Bajurny announced that on August 21, she plans to meet with Police Officers Pirog and Warner to discuss the standard dialogue when the police approach Deaf people. The goal is to develop a video for officers to learn basic signs when communicating with Deaf people in different settings.
- *Bristol Farmer's Market: The Commission has reserved a table on June 24 (Commissioner Bajurny), August 5 (Commissioner Beland), and September 9. Discussion on preferred speakers when the Commission returns after the summer break: Mayor Caggiano on Bristol's new developments; the Registrars in October.

Old Business

None

Correspondence

None

Public Participation

Paul Norton discussed an accessibility grievance with the landlord of his business. Chairman Micari stressed the importance of securing written not verbal agreements in order to affirm agreements and to avoid legal action. He agreed to seek further clarification from the City building department regarding Paul's issue.

Motion to adjourn: Ewings/Bajurny/passed

Meeting adjourned: 8:25

Next meeting: September 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM, Bristol Public Library

Presentation: None scheduled

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

