

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



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

**Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2022**

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, Ewings, Graime, Klimek, Krolikowski

Absent: Olsen, Beland, Welburn

Call to order: 7:07 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: October 12, 2022 (Klimek/Ewings, passed)

Presentation: Esther Pearl, North Central Regional Director,
Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut

Ms. Pearl delivered an overview of dementia, with Alzheimer's as the most common cause. She faced direct experience with this disease, having **faced** her late husband's diagnosis and care. This progressive brain disease affects cognitive function and behavior in its early and late stages. She discussed the risk factors (including age, family history, traumatic brain injury) and current research that focuses on healthy lifestyle activities. Medications are now in clinical trials. Resources include a Helpline (800-272-3900), website (alz.org), support groups, and social work consultations.

New/Current Business

- *Final comments on the Transportation Forum: Future forums should consist of a single presentation that is targeted to a specific topic, with substantial time for attendee participation and exhibitors. Chairman Micari expressed the need to work more closely with the Transportation Commission and that there be greater mutual energy to that end.
- *Discussion on the need for bus shelters at locations near Senior housing. A suggestion was made to consult with Councilor Olsen, Mary Fortier, and Henry Martin in an effort to create a public conversation. Community groups and sponsors may be tapped for upkeep. Motion to speak with Sean Gingery of the Transportation Commission to send a joint letter to the Mayor asking for a dialogue on implementing shelters. Ewings/Krolikowski, passed.

Old Business

None

Correspondence

None

Public Participation

- *A comment was raised about traffic signals that do not allow enough time for crossing and therefore a danger to pedestrians. Discussion indicated the importance of reporting these situations to the City Traffic Police. A determination must be made on whether these are City or State streets.

Motion to adjourn: Klimek/Ewings, passed. **Meeting adjourned:** 8:45 PM

Next meeting: December 14 at 7:00 PM, Bristol Public Library

Presentation: None scheduled

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

