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

**Meeting Agenda - Revised
March 11, 2026**

7:00 PM – City Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room 3-1 and Virtual Format

Our Mission

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Reasonable Accommodation Statement

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Present:

Absent:

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: February 11, 2026

Presentation: Chad Williams, American Sign Language professor
Topic: Pilot program for teaching ASL in high schools

New/Current Business

- *Additional planning of the Disability Awareness forum (see February Minutes), to be held at Bristol Public Library. Discussion on program scheduling, establishing committees (agenda, sponsorship, promotion).

Old Business

- *Councilor Tyler: Smoke detector installation. Update on North Electrical LLC intention to complete this initiative.

Correspondence

***From Chairman Micari to Larry Beaudoin of Agape House:** On behalf of the Bristol Commission for Persons with Disabilities, I thank you for your presentation at our February Commission meeting. Your discussion and overview of Agape House's history, mission, and services was extremely informative and eye-opening, regarding the breadth and scope of daily services to members of the Bristol community. You informed Commissioners and meeting guests about your daily and annual calendar, individuals served, donor- and grant-supported budget, as well as Agape's Community-Based Network, and the critical role that volunteers play in daily operations. Also, your emphasis upon Agape's One Purpose--Building Relationships--along with an emphasis upon being Good Partners and Friends in our Community, further underscored Agape's commitment to those who have "fallen on hard times." Thank you also for your offer to provide a tour to anyone interested in experiencing your daily operations. Finally, I look forward to continued collaboration and partnership with Agape House.

Response from Mr. Beaudoin: My pleasure, thank you for having me and the opportunity to speak to the Bristol Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

***From Chairman Micari to Karen Green, ADA-CC Coordinator:**

I am reaching out to ask if you or a designee would be available and willing speak at the April 8th meeting of the Bristol Commission for Persons with Disabilities. This meeting is at 7:00PM at the Bristol City Hall, 111 North Main St. Third Floor Meeting Room 3-1. I have left several phone messages for Michael Whilby, but have not heard from him. As you know, Bristol has been a longstanding ADACC Member, and we are interested in receiving an update overview of current initiatives. Please let me know of your availability.

Public Participation

Motion to adjourn:

Meeting adjourned:

Next meeting: April 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM
City Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room 3-1

Presentation: TBD

Submitted by

Ruth Ann Graime, Secretary

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Present: Micari, Bajurny, Ewings, Graime, Krolikowski, Reed, Salmoiraghi, Tyler
Absent: None

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

Approval of Minutes: January 14, 2025 (Krolikowski/Ewings, passed)

Presentation: Larry Beaudoin, Board President, Agape House

Mr. Beaudoin introduced Agape House as a faith-based organization that provides a warm place, meals, clothing, and companionship to individuals and families while staff determine specific needs and next steps. Open Monday through Saturday, 8AM to noon, Agape House welcomes individuals with mental health issues, substance use, persons in the homeless community, and those needing housing assistance. Based on staff evaluation, referrals may be made to Veterans Strong, Human Resources Agency (HRA), New Horizon Living Center, Wheeler Health, and many other local agencies. Mr. Beaudoin invited Commissioners to tour the facility during its open hours.

New/Current Business

Regarding the proposition of a program on Disability Awareness, the discussion soon evolved to an interest in holding a Forum at the Bristol Public Library, similar to the previous Transportation Forum. A suggestion was made to hold several forums that focus on a specific topic, thereby simplifying the schedule. Further planning for a late Spring event will ensue at the March meeting, including establishing committees for agenda, sponsorship, promotion, etc.

Old Business

*Update on installation of Smoke Detector: Councilor Tyler noted that licensed electricians are hard to reach and that Fire Chief Hart is eager to conclude this initiative. North Electrical LLC is interested in gathering more information. Councilor Tyler and Emergency Management Director Harley Graime intend to move this project forward, with a single installation.

Correspondence

None

Public Participation

Active questions and feedback by the audience prevailed throughout the meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Reed/Krolikowski, passed **Meeting adjourned:** 8:40 PM

Next meeting: March 11, 2026 at 7:00 PM

City Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room 3-1

Presentation: TBD

Submitted by,

Ruth Ann Graime, Secretary