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Barbara Bajurny, Commissioner
Gloria Ewings, Commissioner
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Joseph Krolkowski, Commissioner
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**Commission for Persons with Disabilities
Bristol, CT 06010**

**Meeting Agenda
June 10, 2026**

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

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Present:

Absent:

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: May 13, 2026

Presentation: None Scheduled

New/Current Business

***Commissioners Reed and Bajurny:** Update on Disability Awareness Forum, including confirmed speakers and demonstration of assistive technology and devices; decision on extending time to 3:30.

Old Business

None

Correspondence

From Whitney Shufelt, Director of Grants & Programs, Main Street Community Foundation: *Main Street Community Foundation has approved a one-time Strategic Response grant of \$1,500 to The Bristol Commission for Persons with Disabilities to support the purchase and installation of specialized smoke and CO detectors for Bristol residents who are deaf or hearing impaired. We hope this grant will help improve the safety of our community members who are deaf or hearing impaired. We are processing that grant payment, which should be mailed within a week. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me by email or phone.*

Response from Chairman Micari: *Whitney, Thank you for this generous response to the Commission's request for funding of this important health safety initiative. I will be in touch with you for follow up details.*

Public Participation

Motion to adjourn:

Meeting adjourned:

Next meeting: September 9, 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, Ewings, Graime, Krolikowski, Reed, Salmoiraghi, Tyler

Absent: Bajurny

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

Approval of Minutes: April 8, 2025 (Krolikowski/Ewings, passed)

Presentation: Tracy Beland, Educator at Bristol Central High School, was unable to attend. Her information was presented by Chairman Micari.

The Bristol Community Vocational Program currently serves 13 students in Grade 12 (who may remain in school until age 22), supervised by Tracy Beland. Direct experience is provided for all abilities in Job and Life Skills, including banking, budgeting, cooking, resume writing, and interview opportunities. For work experience, students rotate in order to maximize exposure to varied settings. Community job sites include Café Real and Bristol Hospital. Success rate is high in this program that balances both group and individual interests.

New/Current Business

- *Chairman Micari reported that the Main Street Community Foundation generously awarded \$1500 to the Commission to purchase and install additional smoke detectors.
- *Regarding the Disability Awareness Forum on Saturday October 17, 1:00-3:00 at the Bristol Public Library
 - A. Chairman Micari announced that Library Assistant Director Scott Stanton will create flyers on *What it's like to be deaf and blind in a hearing or seeing world*. Scott also agreed to promote the event within the local and statewide library system
 - B. Commissioners Reed and Bajurny plan to organize speakers for:
 - 1. Acquiring a guide dog
 - 2. Demonstrating the latest assistive technology and daily living aids
 - C. Suggestion to extend the Forum time to 3:30
 - D. Chairman Micari to determine if the Rotary Club is a funding source

Old Business

None

Correspondence

None

Public Participation

Good-natured conversation and reminiscences by our audience.

Motion to adjourn: Krolkowski/Ewings, passed **Meeting adjourned:** 7:50 PM

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Presentation: TBD

Submitted by,
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