

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



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

**Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2023**

7:00 PM – City Hall, 1st Floor Conference Rm 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

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Present: Micari, Bajurny, Collins, Ewings, Graime, Krolikowski, Olsen

Absent: Beland,

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

Approval of Minutes: October 11, 2023 (Krolikowski/Ewings, passed)

Presentations: Ray Rogozinski, Public Works Director

Anthony Lorenzetti, Senior Public Works Associate

Topic: City-wide planning of curb and sidewalk repairs

The Public Works Department was illuminated, through lecture and in response to audience questions. Topics included the responsibilities of City vs. property owner, sidewalk ordinances, snow and ice removal (reported to Police Dept, who contacts the property owner), and recent DOT grants awarded for handicap ramps.

Regarding street ordinance, plans are scheduled for repair of existing sidewalks on Burlington and Riverside Avenues in 2025-26. In site plans, the City Council determines sidewalk need. It was noted that neighbors tend to discourage

sidewalks on their property due to increased taxes. Audience members called attention to obstructions in their neighborhoods; Anthony Lorenzetti assured that these matters will receive his prompt attention. Chairman Micari praised and thanked the City Public Works Department for its good working relationship with our Commission.

New Business

*Chairman Micari reminded everyone to show support for Jon Sahlin's ASL Palooza on November 11.

*Commissioner Collins spoke of the successful art auction at Café Real on October 15, providing welcomed exposure for participating artists with disabilities.

Old Business

None

Correspondence

None

Public Participation

Current problems affecting accessibility at specific properties were presented to the Speakers, who agreed to investigate each case.

Motion to adjourn: Krolikowski/Ewings, passed **Meeting adjourned:** 7:55PM

Next meeting: December 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM, City Hall, 1st floor meeting rm
Presenter: Jaymie Bianca, Founder and Director of OpportunAbility
Chair, Bristol Diversity Council

Submitted by,

Ruth Ann Graime, Secretary