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

**Meeting Agenda
February 14, 2024**

7:00 PM – City Hall, 1st Floor Meeting Room 1-1 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:

Absent:

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: January 10, 2024

Presentation: Deb Reed, National Federation of the Blind
Topic: Mission overview and organization priorities

New/Current Business

*Tentative speakers for March and beyond

*Discussion of state plan to reestablish a bureau of deaf, deafblind, and hard-of-hearing services

Old Business

*Lesson on American Sign Language

Correspondence

*From Chairman Micari to The Advocates for Bristol Seniors, Inc.:

Dear Advocates for Bristol Seniors. Inc. Members,

On behalf of the Bristol Commission for Persons with Disabilities, I want to once again thank you for your generous donation of \$900.00, which was presented to me at this morning's reception for grantees.

These funds will be used for installation of Strobe Capacity Smoke/CO detectors, in the homes of deaf and hearing - impaired individuals in the City of Bristol, in collaboration with the Bristol Fire Department, which has secured funds for the purchase of these vital life safety devices. Thank you for your continued support of our Commission Mission and initiatives.

*From Chairman Micari to Margaret Banker, Margaret Banker, Director, ADA Paratransit Services, Greater Hartford Transit District:

Margaret, Thank you for your dynamic and informative presentation at last evening's Commission for Persons with Disabilities meeting, on the long-awaited "CT transit Route 502 expansion", and associated Ct Paratransit Services changes. The presentation, including slide show and handouts, on the wide range of bus schedules, rider usage and interactive scheduling options, was extremely helpful in understanding the details of CT Transit services in Bristol and surrounding communities.

It is indeed gratifying to see these important changes coming to fruition, a mere 15 months after our Commission's "Transportation Forum ", at which you were a featured speaker.

Thank you for your continued support over the past several years, of our Commission's Mission, initiatives and transportation needs of Bristol residents.

*From Chairman Micari to Raymond Rogozinski, Director of Public Works:

Dear Mr. Rogozinski:

I am writing on behalf of the Bristol Commission for Persons with Disabilities, to endorse DPW's CDBG funding application, for sidewalk repair and improvement on View Street. I understand that these necessary improvements are required to mitigate unsafe pedestrian travel conditions for all users, including individuals with mobility challenges.

Thank you for submitting this funding application, on behalf of the City's residents and all who may benefit from these health and safety improvements.

Public Participation

Motion to adjourn:

Meeting adjourned:

Next meeting: March 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM

City Hall, 1st Floor Meeting Room 1-1

Presentation: Marco Palmeri, Director of Health, Bristol-Burlington Health District

Topic: Overview of health district information and outreach strategies

Submitted by,
Andrew Collins, Secretary

Join Zoom Meeting

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