

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



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

**Meeting Minutes
April 13, 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

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Present: Micari, Olsen, Beland, Ewings, Graime, Granatek, Klimek, Krolikowski

Absent: None

Call to order: 7:10 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: The February 9, 2022 minutes (Klimek/Beland, passed)

Chairman Micari welcomed the public attendees, including Mayor Caggiano.

Presentation: Frank Caputo, former chairman, Bristol Transportation Commission
Mr. Caputo provided an overview of the Transportation Commission and its focus on traffic safety issues. With respect to safety, Commissioner Beland asked how we can assist disabled community members in navigating an environment that is insensitive to their needs. A discussion ensued regarding bus routes that do not extend to needed locations, speeding trucks on City streets, and hazardous sidewalks. Regarding the latter, Mayor Caggiano explained that the police department should be alerted; a citation to the business will follow. Mr. Caputo

claimed that the Commission is unaware of these matters and that individuals should present their concerns. In light of the City's projected population growth, general upward mobility, and the necessary restructuring of bus stops, Mayor Caggiano suggested more frequent Transportation Commission meetings than quarterly to enhance its functionality. In addition, both the Transportation and Persons with Disability Commissions should consider partnering to provide feedback to DOT. He also alluded to the availability of substantial infrastructure funding for downtown development.

New/Current Business

- *Regarding the Transportation Forum funded by a grant from ADA-CT, Chairman Micari will set the date as Saturday afternoon, October 1 at the Library; Mayor Caggiano messaged Dawn Leger for her assistance in crafting the grant; Commissioner Beland to research the cost of the ASL Interpreter; Commissioner Graime to contact a potential panelist.
- *Councilor Olsen agreed to determine Dr. Dietter's availability to provide a weekend tour of the Arts Magnet School.

Old Business

None

Correspondence

None

Public Participation

The presentation garnered much public conversation on the topic of transportation in Bristol.

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

Next meeting: May 11 at 7:00 PM, Bristol Public Library

Presentation: None Scheduled

Submitted by,
Ruth Ann Graime, Secretary