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Tracy Beland, Commissioner
Gloria Ewings, Commissioner
Ruth Ann Graime, Commissioner, Secretary
Greg Klimek, Commissioner
Joseph Krolikowski, Commissioner
Shannon Welburn, Commissioner
Jacqueline Olsen, City Council Liaison



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

**Special Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2022**

7:00 PM–Bristol Public Library, Community Room

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: Micari, Beland, Graime, Krolikowski, Welburn

Absent: Olsen, Ewings, Klimek,

Call to order: 7:02 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Topic: Transportation Forum Final Planning

Updates:

Chairman Micari announced that Stephen Thal agreed to serve as Moderator of the Panel, and will be asked to attend the September meeting for further guidance to the Commission.

Commissioner Micari reported on his attendance and presentation at a recent Transportation Commission meeting, where he shared information about the upcoming Transportation Forum. Commission Chair Sean Gingery, City Council Liaison Cheryl Thibault, and others expressed interest in the Forum and pledged to support our initiative by sharing this information widely and by having an information table at the event.

Commissioner Graime updated the Panelists to include Deborah Dorfman (DRC), Lisa Rivers (CTDOT), Dr. Marlo Greppone (HRA) and Margaret Banker (GHDT). More information is needed by additional speakers from transportation agencies to determine possible overlap in services.

Commissioner Krolikowski has determined the general setup, including tables for sign-in, panelists, exhibitors, and audience seating. Walmart will donate water for the event; no additional refreshments will be served.

Commissioners Beland, Welburn, and Chairman Micari will meet with Marketing Specialist Dawn Nielsen to discuss event promotion, including eye-catching lawn signs and flyers. Commissioner Krolikowski suggested distribution at locations frequented by the population that we wish to attract (pharmacies, rehab facilities). Chairman Micari expects to promote the event at the Farmer's Market in September.

ADDITIONAL ACTIONS:

1. Asking Stephen Thal for suggested questions/agenda items for the panelists to address;
2. Constructing an evaluation questionnaire;
3. Requesting assistance by ADA Coalition program manager Karen Green in promoting the event to its membership; likewise, by the ASL interpreters.

Motion to adjourn: Beland/Krolikowski, passed **Meeting adjourned:** 8:11 PM

Next meeting: September 14 at 7:00 PM, Bristol Public Library

Ruth Ann Graime, Secretary