

Daniel A. Micari, Commissioner, Chairperson
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**

**Meeting Minutes
September 14, 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, Beland, Ewings, Graime, Klimek, Krolikowski, Welburn

Absent: Olsen

Call to order: 7:15 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: June 8 and August 17, 2022 (Special Meeting)
(Beland/Ewings, passed)

Presentation: Stephen Thal, Disability Advocate and Educator

In regard to Forum planning, Mr. Thal urged Commissioners to form questions for panelists that will obtain the most useful consumer information on topics that include changes in ridership since Covid, the purposes of the three transit districts in CT, training of drivers, Consumer Advisory Boards, boundary restrictions, and future transportation planning. Commissioner Beland expressed that our initial Forum should serve as a foundation from which to move forward. She reminded Commissioners to keep it simple and to form Panelist questions that focus on current issues with an eye on time limitations.

New/Current Business

- *Forum planning continued with minor adjustments to the lawn signs and flyers.
Motion by Commissioner Beland to make these changes (Klimek, Krolikowski, passed). Further discussion on sign distribution and evaluation questions.
- * Commissioners Krolikowski and Ewings, joining Chairman Micari at the Senior Center Health Fair on September 15 to promote the Forum and to represent the Commission. A final opportunity to do so is at the Farmer's Market on September 24 with Chairman Micari and Commissioner Graime.
- *The first ADACC webinar was attended by Chairman Micari and Commissioners Ewings and Graime on September 13. New Haven Director of Dept. of Services for Persons with Disabilities Gretchen Knauff spoke on accessible voting procedures and issues. She noted that that persons with disabilities would make a considerable impact if voting as a bloc.
- *Chairman Micari discussed two requests from Bristol residents for Commission assistance. One involved inadequate parking signage at a business; another regarded unsafe traffic on a residential street. Updates will be addressed at the October meeting.

Old Business

None

Correspondence

None

Public Participation

Emergency Management Director Harley Graime contributed to the Forum discussion.

Motion to adjourn: Klimek/Beland, passed **Meeting adjourned:** 9:00 PM

Next meeting: October 12 at 7:00 PM, Bristol Public Library

Presentation: Registrars of Voters McCauley and Krawiecki

**Submitted by,
Ruth Ann Graime, Secretary**

