

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

**Meeting Agenda  
June 14, 2023**

**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**

*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:** May 10, 2023

**Presentation:** None scheduled

**New/Current Business**

\*Chairman Micari: updates regarding bus transportation on Route 502/229 corridor

(see Correspondence)

\*Commissioner Bajurny: Regarding Fire Chief Richard Hart's intention to

purchase smoke detectors for persons with hearing impairment; #  
of units

\*Decision on preferred dates for summer Farmer's Market

\*Request for assistance from Veterans Strong on behalf of an individual

\*Current Disability Issues in the News: Commissioners Bajurny and Graime

## **Old Business**

None

## **Correspondence**

Chairman Micari sent thanks to Margaret Banker for her May presentation.

*"Your detailed presentation about the wide range of ADA Paratransit services, rider eligibility, the application process, specific route information, Encompass taxicab, and Freedom Ride programs was very informative, and an appropriate follow up to our Transportation Forum. I look forward to future collaboration with you and your programs."*

Margaret Banker's response: *Thank you for having me come out to speak about ADA Paratransit and the taxi cab Encompass and Freedom Ride program ... All of the information in more detail can be found on our website: <https://www.ctada.com>*

Communication from Chairman Micari to Senator Catherine Osten and Representative Toni Walker:

*I am writing as Chair of the Bristol Commission for Persons with Disabilities, to endorse the proposed expansion of DOT bus route 502 / 229 corridor, as part of a budget item involving the Bristol and New Britain area. This longstanding bus route expansion need has been identified and endorsed, as an important public transportation enhancement for all riders, especially individuals with disabilities and functional needs. This route expansion will enable user access to the Bristol Adult Education Center, ESPN, Lake Compounce, several Industrial Park businesses and other area locations. Please consider this important Public Transportation matter, as you deliberate on this year's biennial budget.*

## **Public Participation**

**Motion to adjourn:**

**Meeting adjourned:**

**Next meeting:** September 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM, Bristol Public Library

**Presentation:** None scheduled

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

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