

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



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

**Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 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](mailto:damicari@yahoo.com), at least seven business days prior to the scheduled meeting, program, or event.*

**Present:** Micari, Olsen, Beland, Ewings, Graime, Krolikowski

**Absent:** Beland, Klimek

**Call to order:** 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Minutes:** Krolikowski, Ewings, passed

**Presentation:** Mary Fortier, State Representative

Mary discussed that in her “new gig,” the official orientation is ongoing in legislative research, crafting a bill, ethics, sexual harassment training, IT, not to mention the parking space lottery. She is assigned to three committees, all of which have representatives and senators of both parties: Human Services, Aging, and Higher Education (including Work-Force Development). These impact on her interests and expertise in disability and in the increasing elder population. She agreed to return to the Commission at a later time for more updates.

### **New/Current Business**

- \*Barbara Bajurny was warmly welcomed as our new Commissioner.
- \*Chairman Micari announced that Bristol Library has received a grant to make the library a hub for Blind and Visually Impaired persons. Priorities will include using the library and accessing information using high-tech readers. On January 23, he will attend a training for library staff. Assistant Director Scott Stanton will be asked for a project presentation at an upcoming meeting.
- \*Commissioners agreed that our stated Mission continues to apply, with no changes needed.
- \*Discussion regarding community First Responder (police, fire, EMS) training in communicating with persons with special needs. Commissioner Bajurny agreed to seek information to present at the February meeting.

### **Old Business**

None

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Public Participation**

Profuse and enthusiastic participation throughout the meeting.

**Motion to adjourn:** Krolikowski/Ewings, passed.    **Meeting adjourned:** 8:15 PM

**Next meeting:** February 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM, Bristol Main Public Library

### **Presentation:**

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

