

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



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

**Meeting Minutes
February 8, 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: Micari, Olsen, Bajurny, Beland, Ewings, Graime, Klimek

Absent: Krolikowski

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

Approval of Minutes: Klimek, Beland, passed

Presentation: Matt Geeza, Director, CT Library for Accessible Books

Claire Strillacci, Bristol Library Reference Supervisor

Bristol's newly established Hub is among those to be opened throughout CT, as part of a nationwide National Library Service network for the Blind and Print Disabled. With a goal to provide the same reader resources available to all, the library staff is trained in assisting access for persons with visual, perceptual, reading, or physical disabilities (e.g., arthritis, amputee). Matt discussed remote options for library requests, elementary through adult interests, and talking books as well as Braille formats. Claire invited the Commissioners to view, use, and help to promote this innovative service.

New/Current Business

*The presentation topic at the April meeting will be Emergency Planning, to include Police, Fire, and Emergency Management Services. Due to a benefit event at Muzzy Field on 4-12, Chairman Micari plans to reschedule the meeting to 4-19. **Commissioners are strongly requested to formulate questions, to be submitted in advance to the presenters.**

*Regarding future Commission projects, Motion to table the discussion until Chairman Micari's return. Beland/Klimek, passed.

Old Business

None

Correspondence

None

Public Participation

David Oakes, Public Works Facilities & Energy Manager, discussed his interest in a collaboration between our Commission and Public Works. He addressed several community programs that would enable this outcome. He will relay his thoughts in a memo to be sent to Chairman Micari for later consideration by the Commission.

Motion to adjourn: Ewings, Beland, passed. **Meeting adjourned:** 8:25 PM

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

Presentation: Nancy Micloskey, Community Impact Coordinator
United Way of West Central CT

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

