

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  
March 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, Ewings, Graime, Klimek, Krolikowski

**Absent:** Beland

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

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

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

In her comprehensive overview of the local United Way, Nancy discussed the 17 nonprofits in the Bristol/Burlington/Plymouth/Plainville region that receive funding for specific programs. The funding provides for basic needs, education & literacy, recreation & respite, job readiness, mental health, and food insecurity. Programs across the life span and for every ability include LGBTQ youth and Shelter residents. Nancy invited additional nonprofits to apply to the next funding cycle in 2025. She distributed information about current fundraisers, along with a Community Resource Guide.

### **New/Current Business**

- \*Chairman Micari thanked Lindsey Schaffrick for addressing the recent Tech Issues with her usual expertise.
- \*The Commission welcomed Andrew Collins, a recently appointed Transportation Commissioner, who expressed an interest in collaboration with our Commission.
- \*Another possible collaborator is David Oakes, Public Works Facilities & Energy Manager. Chairman Micari agreed to contact him regarding his ideas for working together.
- \*It is confirmed that the rescheduled April meeting will occur one week later (April 19<sup>th</sup>) as a Special Meeting, on the singular topic of *Emergency & First Responders: Communication Involving Individuals with Special Needs*. Several questions have been submitted by the Commissioners, to be finalized by subcommittee (Micari, Bajurny, Ewings, Graime, Klimek).

### **Old Business**

None

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Public Participation**

Roger suggested asking Mayor Caggiano to speak to the Commission. Chairman Micari agreed to reach out to the Mayor.

**Motion to adjourn:** Klimek, Krolikowski, passed. **Meeting adjourned:** 8:00 PM

**Next meeting:** April 19, 2023 (Special Meeting), 7 PM, Bristol Public Library

**Presentation:** Emergency & First Responders: Communication Involving  
Individuals with Special Needs

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

