



Bristol Transportation Commission

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 28, 2023
6pm
Bristol Public Library

1. Call to Order (Acting Chair)

Time 6:00pm By Cheryl Thibeault

2. Introductions / Openings

Cheryl Thibeault
Craig Minor
Dan Micari
Andrew Collins
Sean Gingery – via phone

3. Review and approve meeting minutes

Minutes could not be reviewed or approved because they were not available at the time of this meeting.

4. Old Business:

a. Finalized Calendar: 3/28, 5/23, 7/25, 9/26, 11/28, 1/23/24

Approved and finalized by the city clerk.
These are the dates for the remainder of the 2023 year.

b. Construction near city hall / new bus-stop location

Done. Citizens are favorable of the new location.
Cheryl Thibeault will follow up with Justin Malley to double check that everything is where it should be.



c. Scooters / Legal Considerations

Would city residents use them if we had scooters?

Is Bristol liable for legal law suits if someone riding gets hurt on a pot hole or city road?

Craig suggested talking to Connect Line Bikes and asking about their data collection.

Ask city council about objections if Connect Line Bikes comes up for discussion.

d. Adult education bus-stop

The State of CT has put this bus route in the budget.

A press release for this route for citizens to know about it and contact the legislature in writing if they support this.

Dan Micari asked: "Do we have a delegation in senate for transportation?" Cheryl

Thibeault said she can find out.

e. Shelters/Benches

It is not the cities responsibility to pay for new bus stops.

Different bench ideas were discussed such as a folding bench seat.

Discussed applying for Arber Funds.

Wal Mart shoppers are asking for a covered bus stop along Farmington Ave.

f. Senior Transportation

Brainstorming different funding ideas because there is not a budget for additional senior transportation. Is Arbor Funds available?

Looking into those funds that have not been delegated.

Partner with Senior Aging Commission on our needs and working together to address them.

g. Rt-229 study: <https://nvcogct.gov/project/current-projects/transportation-planning-studies/bristol-route-229-corridor-study/>

Cheryl will talk to the Mayor and see if more can happen on this.



5. New Business:

a. Free bus rides to end March 31, 2023

Can't extend this due to federal regulations.

People may be giving up riding the bus because there are not enough choices/routes.

b. Colt-Highway Park/Ride

New. Not enough people know about it yet. Just updated and finished in March of 2023.

i. Local 121 CTfastrak to Hartford to MCC

ii. Local 506 CTfastrak

Bus complaints that there is not a more direct route

A new park and ride at Exit 39 off I-84.

Is there opportunity for Bristol and Farmington to better connect the two cities to get to Hartford faster and better?

c. Bus idling complaints

Forum of people asking when busses come to a stop can they shut off instead of idling because of exhaust fumes.

State of CT has an idling law. Busses are not legally supposed to idle for longer than x number of minutes.

Bus drivers are monitored and their idling buses.

Cheryl will check with a friend who drives for CT Transit to see if

Central office is enforcing or checking on the amount of idling occurring.

Dan Micari – Commissions for Person's with Disabilities

April 19, 2023

7:00pm

Bristol Public Library

Hosting a meeting with the Police, Fire Dept, Emergency Management about the interactions 1st Responders have with disabled people.

Questions will be taken in advance.

Sean Gingery asked if seizures could be a topic on the agenda.

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6. Adjournment

Meeting called to end at 6:50pm by Cheryl Thibeault.
All in attendance agreed.

Respectfully submitted: *Sarah Ayotte*

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