

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  
May 10, 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, Bajurny, Ewings, Graime, Klimek, Krolikowski

**Absent:** Beland, Olsen

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

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

**Presentation:** Margaret Banker, Director, ADA Paratransit Services  
Greater Hartford Transit District

In an overview of Paratransit, Ms. Banker explained that the routes and schedules are the same as the traditional bus routes that cover the Central CT region. The application process is explained on the ADA website: <https://www.ctada.com> Door-to-door service is provided. A book of 10 tickets can be purchased at the Senior Center for \$10; a personal care attendant may ride at no charge. Additional options include Encompass Taxi, a 24/7 cab, and Freedom Ride, a prepaid voucher program. The Kennedy Collective (203-365-8522 x-10) provides free individual

bus and rail travel training. Finally, Way To Go CT <http://waytogoct.org> links people with mobility managers.

### **New/Current Business**

- \*Discussion on the Route 229 bus route: Motion to send a letter from the Commission to legislators endorsing the route expansion. Klimek/Krolikowski passed. Chairman Micari will contact the Mayor and Councilor Olsen for next steps.
- \*Commissioner Bajurny agreed to determine the number of special smoke detectors to be purchased by Fire Chief Richard Hart. Chairman Micari noted that this provision is a direct result of Chief Hart's visit to the Special Meeting on April 19.
- \*The Rotary Club offered the Commission a table at the Farmer's Market for two Weekends, to be determined.
- \*Commissioner Klimek bade farewell to our Commission as he leaves in June to move on to other City Commissions.

### **Old Business**

None

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Public Participation**

Participation is continuous and energetic throughout the meeting.

**Motion to adjourn:** Klimek/Krolikowski, passed      **Meeting adjourned:** 8:40

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

**Presentation:** None scheduled

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