

Daniel A. Micari, Commissioner, Chairperson
Tracy Beland, Commissioner
Gloria Ewings, Commissioner
Ruth Ann Graime, Commissioner, Secretary
Kristen Granatek, Commissioner
Greg Klimek, Commissioner
Joseph Krolikowski, Commissioner
Mary Fortier, City Council Liaison



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

**Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2019**

7:00 PM - Bristol City Hall First Floor Meeting Room

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

Present: Micari, Fortier, Ewings, Graime, Granatek, Klimek

Absent: Beland, Krolikowski

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: The October 9, 2019 minutes was approved. (Klimek, seconded)

Presentation: None

New/Current Business

- *To mark National Disability Employment Awareness Month, Chairman Micari reported that he presented the Employment Recognition Award at the October 8 City Council meeting to Jay Maia, VP for Professional Development, Bristol Boys and Girls Club (BBGC). Michael Bellantuono, of CW Resources, nominated the BBGC for this award.
- *The Meet & Greet on October 9 was effective, though not largely attended. The Mayor and Council members were present; the Registrars discussed voter issues.
- *Regarding ongoing updates for the Commission webpage, Commissioner Granatek agreed to check the website to determine the need for continuous posting.
- *Discussion on PSA to remind citizens to keep sidewalks clear. Commissioner Granatek suggested to provide copy of announcements to Commissioner Beland.
- *Chairman Micari reminded that he will not be present for the February meeting.
- *Suggested presentations for 2020: Commission for the Blind, Fidelco, vehicle modification

Old Business

*Next steps on Gmail account, Commission business card, and use of City logo: to be addressed in December meeting

Correspondence

None

Public Participation

Two visitors expressed an interest in job training and employment resources for a family member who is currently receiving state services. City and State resources were discussed.

Motion to adjourn: Klimek, seconded **Meeting adjourned:** 7:45 PM

Next meeting: December 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM First Floor Meeting Room

Presentation: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Mark Penney, Bristol Human Resources Director/ADA Coordinator

Gretchen Knauff, Executive Director, Disability Rights CT

Ruth Ann Graime, Secretary