



City of Danbury Commission for Persons with disAbilities
155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810

Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2023 - 6:30pm
Meeting remotely due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Please note: John Gentile will setup a ZOOM meeting.

Attendance: John Gentile (Chairman), Rose Marie Bouclier, John Neumuller

Excused: Frank Reed, Fran Ryan Jeff Doyle, Quentin Huges,

Guests: Isabel Domber

- John Gentile: Welcome & Introduction: 6:41 PM, 05/09/23
- Review and Acceptance: Motion to Accept Minutes 04/11/23, Roe Marie B., 2nd John N., All Yes
- Phone Log: No new phone messages this month
- Old Business, Announcements, Updates:
 - 1) Commissioners Updates – Jeff D., Fran R. Frank R. and Quentin H. Excused
 - 2) Update on COVID restrictions – We will continue to hold Zoom meetings, will address in Sept.
- Seeking One Regular & Three alternates: No interest to date of meeting
- Social media report: **Jeff Doyle to Report –Facebook** Facebook.com/DanburyC4PWD Follows: 825 (as of 3/14/2023) **Twitter** Twitter.com/DanburyC4PWD 353 followers (as of 6/9/2020) No new update as Jeff D not in attendance
- Handicap Parking Update – John N. Spoke with the Deputy Chief, Mike Sturdivant and he voiced a concern about privacy on photographing handicap placards. Reiterated the need to have additional handicap spots made available
- On Demand Transportation: Not discussed at this meeting
 - Kept as an open item
- New Business: No new Business
- Open Discussion:
 - Discussion on Absentee Ballot for Isabel Domber came late to her home because of a mail delivery issue. We will need to make sure that all polling places are accessible for all Citizens with disAbilities. The Registrar of Voters, Mary Ann Doran 7974550.
 - The Lions Club will be able to help in addressing issues dealing with people with vision issues in assisting with voting.
 - Announcement that Chris Calabro will be stepping down as Director of WeCHAR.
 - Follow up discussion on the ADA requirement for Service Animals to include Miniature Horses with Chris Calabro.
 - Discussion the Zoning change in Pembroke area to change from 3 building sites to 6 building sites.

- Next Meeting: June 13, 2023
 - Entertain a motion to Adjourn, Rose Marie, Motion, John N. 2nd 7:15 PM.

We work to put the "A" in ability - the Commission has many goals including focusing on the Abilities of those with disAbilities. The Commission was established to advise the Mayor and the Common Council of the needs of persons with disAbilities within the community with relation to housing, economics, employment, transportation, health, recreation and other matters. The Commission was formed by Sec. 2-56.13 of the City of Danbury Code of Ordinances. The City of Danbury Commission for Persons with disAbilities meets on the second Tuesday of each month, at Danbury City Hall, at 6:30pm. We do not meet in July and August.