



# Danbury Commission for Persons With disAbilities

155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury, CT 06810

John M. Gentile, Chair  
(203) 796-8010

## Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

1. Present: John Gentile, Rose Marie Bouclier, Annie Dance, Paul Kachevsky, Joanne LaPorta, Frances Ryan, Roberto Perez, Frank Reed, Chad Sinanian  
Absent: Bill Lewis, John Neumuller  
Guests: Roberta (Riva) Shoshana
2. Phone log – Diane Rosemark asked if there were grants available to help people install wheelchair ramps
3. 2013 Recognition Award: Setting date to present the Recognition Award to the Carousel at the Mall
4. Frank Reed discussed the Buddy Ball program
5. Annie Dance has set up Facebook and Twitter accounts for the Commission
6. Annie Dance discussed her experience with Stop & Shop on Newtown Rd. The store policy is to turn off the lights in the frozen and refrigerated food sections between 9 pm and 9 am. She spoke with Stop & Shop management and will follow up.
7. On Demand Transportation Update: John Gentile explained one wheelchair accessible taxi lost a grant and went out of business.
8. John Gentile distributed the 2013-2014 Commission meeting schedule
9. John Gentile distributed the ADA Paratranit Advisory Meeting Minutes. The next meeting will be held 9-17-13 at the HART Business Office, 62 Federal Rd, Danbury, CT at 10:00 am.
10. Matthew Cassavechia, EMT-P, Director of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at Danbury Hospital, requested volunteers, especially people with hearing difficulties or deafness, for a simulated disaster practice – 203-739-7493



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11. Chad Sinanian invited members to his Investiture of the Degree of Chevalier in Utica, N.Y. at 3:00 pm on 10-20-13 ([nydemolay.org](http://nydemolay.org))
12. Open discussion:
  - a. Roberta (Riva) Shoshana, owner of Riva's Rides – which specializes in the transportation for wheelchair-bound people and others with mobility-related disabilities, discussed her experience with providing service for On Demand Transportation
13. Next meeting will be October 8, 2013
14. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Frances Ryan, Secretary

Attest,  
John Gentile, Chairman