



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

Monthly Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2020 - 6:30pm
Meeting via ZOOM

Commissioners: John Gentile (Chairman), Joanne LaPorta, Quentin Hughes, John Neumuller

Excused: Frances Ryan, Chad Sinanian, Frank Reed, Rose Marie Bouclier,

Absent: Annie Dance (Secretary)

Guest:

(We are seeking three Alternate Commissioners)

We will be conducting our meeting until further notice via ZOOM due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and will use Conference Call: (call-in number: 218-339-7800, access code: 4775141), as a Public Access and back-up.

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

No quorum at last month's meeting (in attendance John, Rosemary and Quentin)

- Welcome & Introduction: John Gentile
- Announcements/Updates – **John, I found out through a FaceBook posting that Annie Dance has moved out of State? I tried to verify the post but I am unable to reach her either by phone or email?**
- Review & Accept Past Meeting Minutes/ **Not Available at this time**
- Phone Log – **No new relevant messages (July – August)**
- Seeking new alternates – **Still 09/08/2020**
- Social media report – **See addendum - Social Media Update on Hold at this time**
 - o Please continue to help us increase our social media visibility
 - o Facebook.com/DanburyC4PWD and Twitter.com/DanburyC4PWD
 - o If you are interested in more details and would like to review the Email Analytics, Twitter Analytics and/or Facebook Insights report please email Annie, DanburyC4PWD@gmail.com *(for space constraints not posting here as the reports are lengthy)*
- On Demand Transportation:
 - o kept as an open item – **No Action at this time**

- Open Discussion:
 - **Quentin – People First has developed a new Web Site.**
<https://www.facebook.com/Peoplefirstofct/>
 - **All – Discussion on voting Absentee or In-Person, John followed up with sending out a copy of the Absentee Ballot Request Form.**
- Next Meeting: October 13, 2020, 6:30 PM

2020 meeting dates: 10/13/20, 11/10/20, 12/08/20, 01/12/21, 02/09/21, 03/09/21, 04/13/21, 05/11/21, 06/08/21

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.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

*Respectfully John Gentile, Chairman
Attest,*

Addendum - (Social Media Update on Hold at this time)

*Note: * indicates that we don't meet in July and August, the data reflects from July-September*

Social Media Report	Facebook Likes	Twitter Followers
January 2019	195	354
November 2018 <i>(as of 11/13/18)</i>	192	358
October 2018 <i>(as of 10/9/18)</i>	190	359
July-September 2018*	188	362
June 2018	183	355
May 2018	175	352
April 2018 (March meeting cancelled due to snow)	178	350
February 2018	175	344
January 2018	171	345
December 2017	170	344
November 2017	170	343
October 2017	no data available (Secretary absent due to illness)	
July-September 2017*	137	336

June 2017	131	327
May 2017	126	324
April 2017 (March meeting cancelled due to snow)	125	323
February 2017	109	318
January 2017	110	312
December 2016	111	312
November 2016	109	316
October 2016	99	313
July-September 2016*	97	314
May 2016	92	304
April 2016	89	301
March 2016	88	301
February 2016	86	302
January 2016	80	294
December 2015	77	291
November 2015	75	280
October 2015	73	280
July-September 2015*	72	279
June 2015	71	289
May 2015	68	272
April 2015	65	248
March 2015	61	239
February 2015	38	236
January 2015	38	219
December 2014	37	218
November 2014	34	218
October 2014	34	217
July-September 2014*	33	205
June 2014	33	179
May 2014	26	163
April 2014	23	151
March 2014	21	143
February 2014	20	131
January 2014 <i>(created accounts)</i>	20	110