



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

Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2021 - 6:30pm

Meeting remotely due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Conference Call: (call-in number: 425-436-6260 Access Code: 4775141)

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Commissioners: John Gentile (Chairman), Rose Marie Bouclier, Quentin Hughes, Joanne LaPorta, John Neumuller, Frank Reed, Frances Ryan, Chad Sinanian

Attendance: John Gentile, Joanne LaPorta, John Neumuller, Rose Marie Bouclier

Excused: Frank Reed, Chad Sinanian, Fran Ryan,

Guest: Jeff Doyle, Isabel Domber, Stacey McIvor

- John Gentile: Welcome & Introduction – 6:31 PM – ended 6:59 PM
- Review and Acceptance of Minutes: John N, Motion - Joann 2nd – All Favor
- Phone Log: No New messages recorded
- New Business, Announcements, Updates:
 - 1) Chad – Back in the Nursing Home, had Trouble at home
 - 2) Frank R. – At home getting Therapy 3 X's per week
 - 3) Fran R. – At home still having trouble with her back
Recommendion by John N to contact Bethel VNA if you are seeking home services
 - 4) Update on Vaccine – CT doing well with Vaccines local availability good.
- Seeking One Regular & Three alternates: Still seeking members to the Commission
- Social media report: **ON HOLD**
 - o **Facebook** Facebook.com/DanburyC4PWD Likes: 222 Follows: 229 (as of 6/9/2020)
(please note: some who "follow" page may or may not also "like" the page)
 - o **Twitter** Twitter.com/DanburyC4PWD 353 followers (as of 6/9/2020)
- On Demand Transportation:
 - o kept as an open item
- John/all: Open Discussion: John N. received a request from the Guard at City Hall if the City has access to a generic wheel chair, as the Guard needed to assist a elderly citizen

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who had trouble getting to and from locations within the building. John N. stated he would make the request at his Commission meeting.

Isabel D. mentioned Oak Hill rehabilitation center

Stacey M. mentioned the Ridgefield Sr. Ctr.

Rose Marie said she had one that she will bring to City Hall on Wed. June 9

Jeff D. mentioned HART Transportation is offering free rides on weekends during the summer. Also, included is Para-Transit and Sweet HART

Discussion continued on how the HART System works and operates.

Motion to Adjourn – John N. Motion, Rose Marie 2nd 6:59 PM

- Next Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 6:30 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.