

**Commission for Accessibility  
Meeting Agenda  
Monday, October 7, 2024 5:00PM**

**Via Zoom** (access information below). Should someone need a special accommodation in order to participate in this meeting please contact Karen Gaudian at 203 807-4524.

**Policy: Commission for Accessibility meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order and all participants are expected to conduct themselves with dignity and treat all those present with respect, empathy and civility.**

Commission for Accessibility Chairman, Don Ciota, is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting hosted by Tony Philips, Town ADA Coordinator.

Topic: Ridgefield Commission for Accessibility

Time: This is a recurring meeting.

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**5:00 PM. Call to Order**

**Approval of Minutes:** September 9, 2024

## **Public Comment**

**Guest Speaker: Holly Lapine, Education and Access Specialist, The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum.**

Holly will speak about The Aldrich's initiatives for outreach and inclusion.

## **Service Animals under ADA and Connecticut Law**

**This discussion will include Service Animals, Emotional Support Animals (ESAs) (otherwise referred to as therapy, comfort or companion animals), and Psychiatric Service Animals.**

**What does the ADA recognize as a service animal?**

**Does the ADA require service animals to be professionally trained?**

**Can someone ask me for papers on my service dog?**

**How can I tell if an animal is really a service animal:**

**Are emotional support, therapy, comfort, or companion animals considered service animals under the ADA?**

**If someone's dog calms them when having an anxiety attack, does this qualify as a service animal?**

**ADA and Connecticut Public Law:**

**Adjourn.**

**Meeting Dates for 2024:**

November 18      December 6