

A TRIP TO THE POST OFFICE 8/25/09

East Haven Mayor April Capone Almon along with State Representative Mike Lawlor organized a demonstration to take place to show the need to maintain a Post Office in the Center of East Haven. Representatives from Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro's office, Senior Citizens and disabled residents of the Town of East Haven and The Chairman of the East Haven Americans with Disabilities Act Commission demonstrated the need for a downtown location by attempting to take the CT Transit bus from the current location in Trolley Square to the proposed location at Frontage Road in New Haven.

The group assembled at 11:30am at the Trolley Square location then headed to the Messina Drive bus stop for a 12:18pm pick-up. The closest bus stop will let you off at the corner of Townsend and Forbes Avenues in New Haven. From there the group walked down the street to the Frontage Road Post Office location. EMTs from the East Haven Fire Department were on hand to assist any elderly or disable residents.

“Our goal was to show that an accessible Post Office location in the center of East Haven is a vital service for the people of our town. This not only includes our business community, but our elderly, disabled and non-driving residents who do not have the luxury of hopping into their car to cross the highway to the Frontage Road Post Office in New Haven.” Mayor Capone Almon stated.

Representative Lawlor went on to say, "Every business, including the U. S. Postal Service, has an obligation to be accessible to disabled citizens. This location has no sidewalks, no crossing lights or marked crosswalks, and is virtually walled off to many East Haveners."