

Auracast Assistive Listening System Installed in council Chamber

We have successfully installed and tested the Auracast Assistive Listening System in the West Windsor council chamber. Anyone using compatible hearing aids or earbuds can directly connect to the system.

Auracast™ is a new Bluetooth® capability that enables an audio transmitter to broadcast to an unlimited number of receivers. And no pairing of devices! **Selecting a broadcast is much like choosing a Wi-Fi network, the user simply selects the desired Auracast™ channel to hear that broadcast.**

Currently the following hearing aids & Bluetooth headphones and earbuds are compatible with the Auracast system. If you have a compatible hearing aid, you can download their App and connect to the system while you are in the council chamber. In case you are experiencing a hearing loss and don't have a hearing aid, we have a limited number of headphones available to borrow.

I would like to thank planning board member Pankaj Patel for taking the initiative and working with us to iron out the issues and test the system. He tested it during the last council meeting on March 9th and it's fully functioning.

List of compatible Hearing Aids

Beltone: Commence, Envision, Serene

Bernafon: Encanta (APP version ≥ 1.6.1)

Cochlear: Baha 7 Sound Processor

GN: Danalogic Extend

Jabra: Enhance Pro 20, Enhance Pro 30, Enhance Select 500, Enhance Select 700

Oticon: Intent (firmware ≥ 1.3.0 & with latest Companion app)

Philips: Hearlink 9050

Resound: Enzo AI, Nexia, Savi, Vivia

Starkey: Edge AI, Omega AI

List of compatible Bluetooth Headphone & Earbuds:

Widex: Allure (firmware ≥ 5.1.20)

JBL: Tour Pro 3

Jabra: Elite 10, Elite 8

LG: xboom Buds/Buds Plus

Panasonic: Technics EAH-AZ100

Samsung: Galaxy Buds2 Pro, Galaxy Buds3/3Pro

Sonova: Sennheiser Accentum True Wireless, Sennheiser Momentum True Wireless 4

Sony: Inzone H9 II, WF-1000XM5, WH-1000XM6

Xiaomi: Redmi Buds 6

Connecting to an Auracast™ broadcast is a bit like joining a Wi-Fi network:

How to Join a Broadcast

1. **Open Your Hearing Aid App** On your smartphone, open the app you usually use to control your hearing aids (like the Oticon, Phonak, Resound, Philips app).
2. **Find the "Auracast" or "Broadcast" Menu** Look for a tab or button labeled **Auracast, Audio Sharing, or Broadcast Audio**.
3. **Scan for Local Streams** Your app will show a list of available "channels" in the room (e.g., "Conference Room A, Avantree Oasis").
4. **Select and Listen** Tap the name of the broadcast you want to hear. Your hearing aids will automatically switch to that audio stream.