Agenda

Tolland Green Historic District Commission

21 Tolland Green, Tolland, Connecticut Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 7:00pm via Zoom Remote Participation Only

Regular Meeting

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Old Business
 - 3.1 Discuss Tolland Green sidewalk
- 4. Miscellaneous
- 5. Approval of Minutes from July 19, 2023
- 6. Adjournment

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Agenda Item #8.4

AGENDA ITEM BACKGROUND

ITEM: Consideration of a Resolution to set a Public Hearing on August 22, 2023 for the purpose of discussion of ADA Sidewalk on the Tolland Green.

FOR COUNCIL MEETING: August 8, 2023

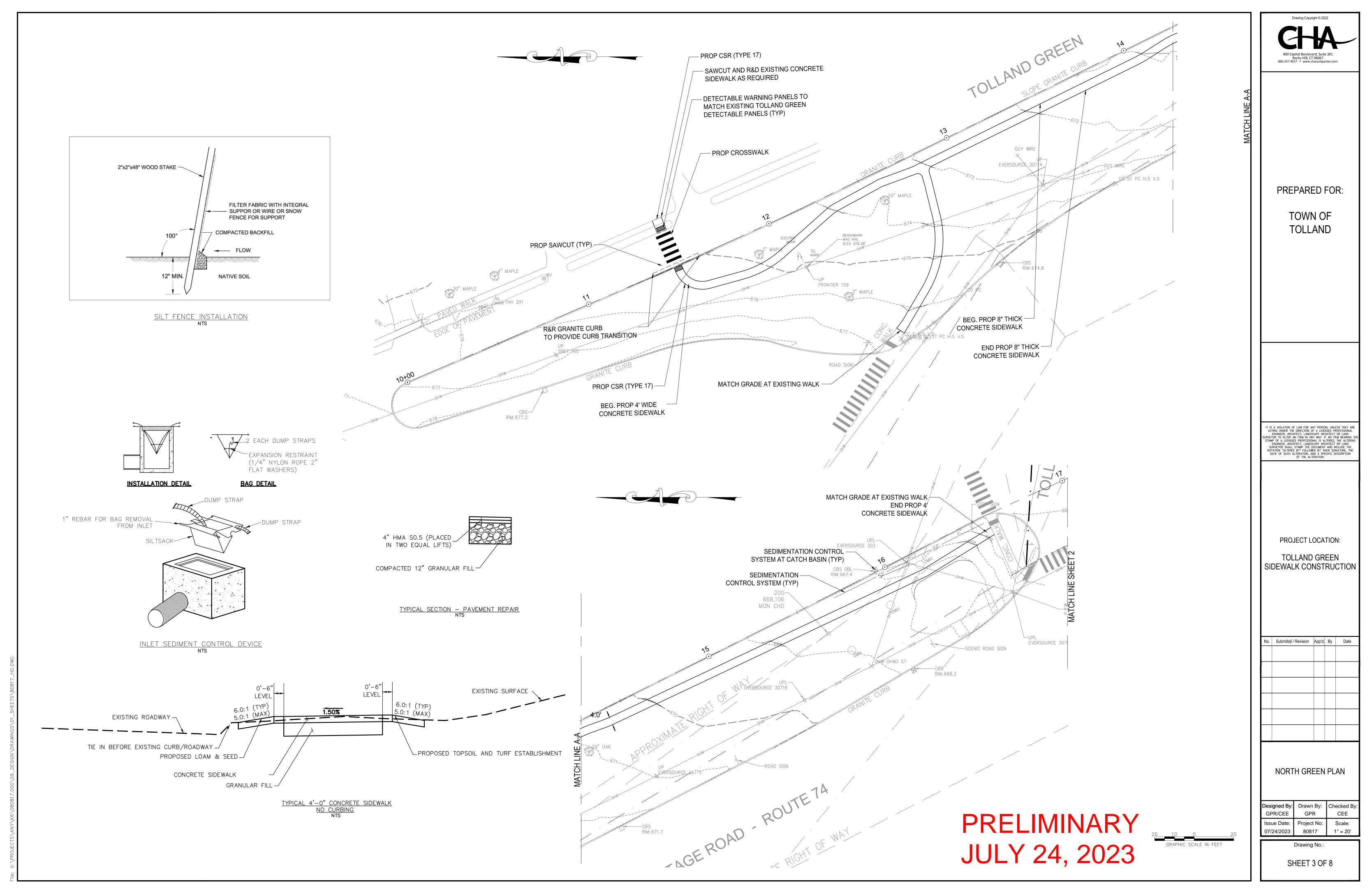
ITEM SUMMARY: The Town of Tolland is in the process of designing a concrete sidewalk to be located on the Tolland Green, as shown in the attached plan. The purpose of this project is to become compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act by providing an ADA-accessible pathway along the Tolland Green to allow for access to the Green and events held on the Green to people with disabilities. The intent of this Public Hearing is to allow members of the public to provide comment on the proposed design.

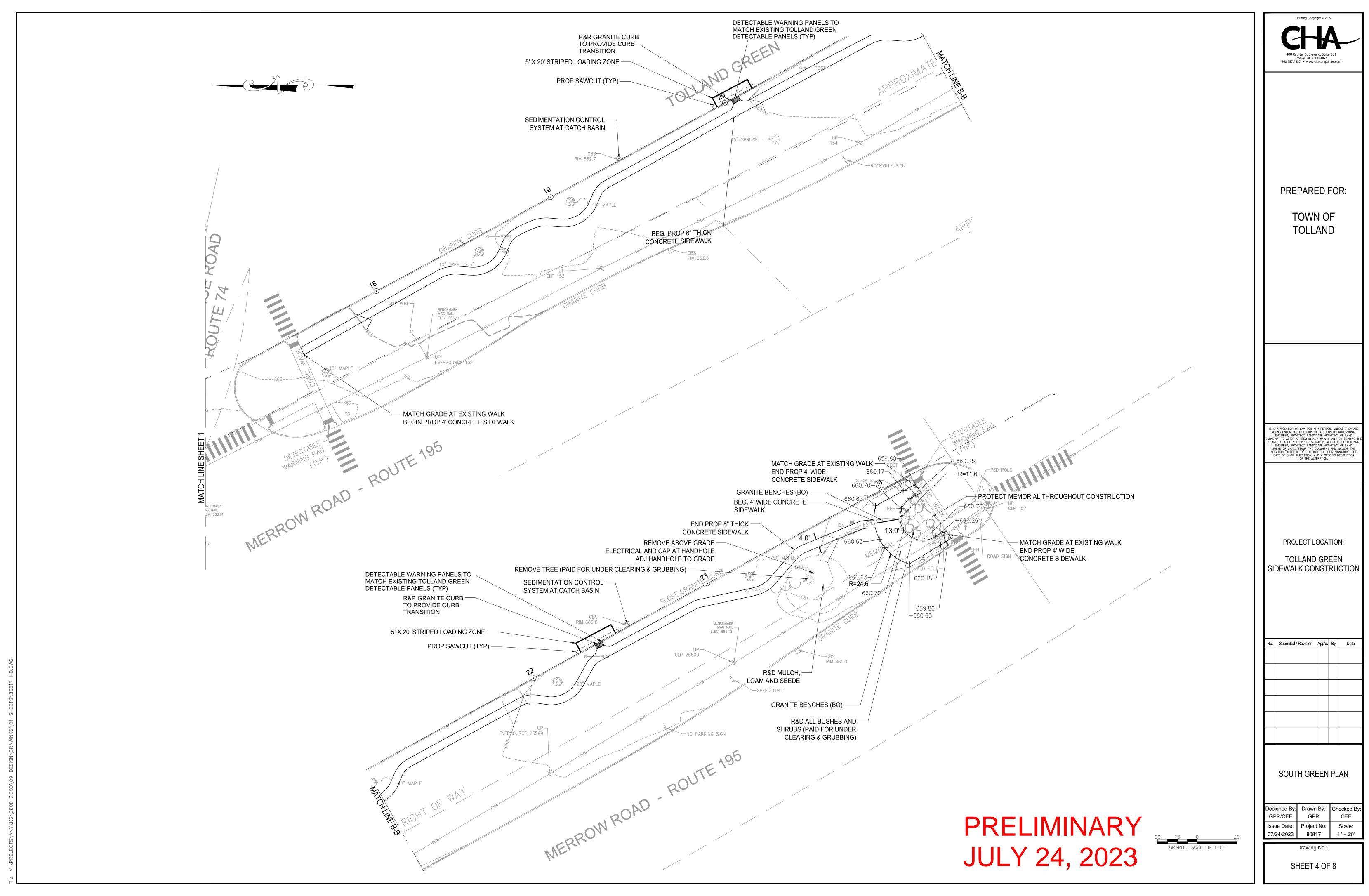
TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes, completed

COUNCIL ACTION DESIRED: Motion to schedule the public hearing for August 22, 2023

SUPPORTING MATERIALS:

- Sidewalk Plans
- Draft Resolution





Agenda Item #8.4

Consideration of a Resolution to set a Public Hearing on August 22, 2023 for the purpose of discussion of ADA Sidewalk on the Tolland Green.

MOTION that a Public Hearing be held to discuss the proposed ADA Improvements to the Town Green on August 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Tolland Town Council Chambers:

Approved by the Tolland Town Council on

, 2023.

Agenda Item 5

MINUTES

Tolland Green Historic District Commission 21 Tolland Green, Tolland, Connecticut Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 7:00pm via Zoom Remote Participation Only

Regular Meeting:

1. Call to Order: 7:05PM by Chair

2. Roll Call:

Members: Jodie Coleman-Marzialo, Chair; Rod Hurtuk, Vice Chair; Kathy Bach, Clerk; Celeste

Senechal, Ann Deegan, (arr. 7:15PM),

Alternates: John Hughes, Mariah Bumps, Mike McGee (arr: 7:18PM)

TC Liaison: Katie Murray

Guests: Dave Geissler, Dr. Sharron Laplante

3. Old Business:

- 3.1 Discuss Tolland Green:
- a) The Chair is distributing the TGHDC booklets to all neighboring homeowners, museums, the Red & White and municipal buildings
- b) The Chair reviewed that the use of ARPA funds will go toward purchasing 2 street lights: 1 on RT 74 by the Sr. Center, and 1 at the intersection of Tolland Green Road. Also American Flags with mounting brackets will be purchased for the remaining 7 utility poles on the North Green to complete that job. This has been communicated to the TM.
- c) Comments ensued about the TC and TM's plan to install a sidewalk on the Green. The comments centered around the TGHDC's local, state and federally documented responsibility to protect this nationally registered historic site, which is also the birth place of the Town of Tolland. Comments were made from the HDC legislative prospective as well as the Federal ADA prospective as researched.
- d) It was stated that the Town is responsible for maintaining the current sidewalks around the Green and hasn't.
- e) The Federal ADA Regulations require access be granted at 1 location. Per the recently completed State DOT RT 195 road project, access was provided to the Green in 8 locations (5 on the South Green and 3 on the North Green) plus a substantial curb cut at grade on the North Green. The Federal regulations further state that there must be equal access to an equal experience.
- f) The TC Liaison stated that the she was still listening but that she and the TC had made up their minds and there were 7 votes to move this project forward by September. Further that there was no intent by the TC to apply for a COA to the HDC as prescribed, even though there was an understanding by the TM, the HDC Chair and others at a recent walk around the Green that a COA was required per a representative from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

- g) Visitor comments included that the TC is not listening and not acting in their fiduciary role in the best interest of the Tolland taxpayers. Additionally, the TC forgets that they are working for all the townspeople.
- 4. Miscellaneous: None
- 5. Approval of Minutes from June 21, 2023:

Motion by Ann Deegan, 2nd by Rod Hurtuk, Vote: Unanimous

*Note: an audio recording of meetings is available on the town website at: tollandct.gov

6. Adjournment: at 8:21PM

Motion by Kathy Bach, 2nd by Ann Deegan, Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Bach, Co-Clerk of TGHDC