

**MEETING AGENDA  
COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
ZOOM REMOTE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Participation**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
- 4. Update in ADA Sidewalks on Tolland Green**
- 5. Discussion of Survey**
- 6. Scarecrow Contest and Harvest Fair**
- 7. Town Council Liaison**
- 8. Staff Liaison**
- 9. Future Agenda Items**
- 10. Public Participation**
- 10. Adjournment**

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**MEETING MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
ZOOM REMOTE MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 2023 - 6:30 P.M.**

Members Present: Randa Utter, Rob Deichert, Susan Lucek, Julie Burns, Beverly Bellody, Colleen Yudichak, Ron Freedman, Robin Lateer

- 1. Call to Order:** Sue Lucek called the meeting to order at 6:35
- 2. Public Participation** None
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Ron Freedman motion to approved the June 15, 2023 minutes, Randa Utter seconded, all in favor.
- 4. Welcome New Member Robin Lateer** Commissioners welcome Robin and share a bit about themselves. Robin shared a bit about her personal and professional background and interest in supporting accessibility.
- 5. Appointment of Vice Chair** Julie Burns was nominated by Ron Freedman, seconded by Randa Utter. Unanimous approval.
- 6. Proposed ADA Sidewalks on Tolland Green**
  - 6.1 August 22, 2023- Town Council Meeting
    - Public Hearing on Discussion of ADA Sidewalk on the Tolland GreenProposed design sent to planning and zoning, Commission members received a paper copy of design. Susan L walked through the reen and reviewed the Design. Says all looks good. Potential to be really really nice! Noted that there is significant resistance to the plan from individuals and the Historic Commission. Both meetings need our written support and friendly attendance. Commission reviewed printed plans and discussed location of ADA walk. Chair notes that members can shared their own views in support of current proposed plan. P&Z requests letters by 8/23.
  - 6.2 August 28, 2023 – Planning & Zoning Meeting
    - 8-24 Review for ADA Improvements on the Tolland Green
- 7. Google Docs Survey** On hold for the moment. Julie B sent out a draft. She will resend for Commission to review. Commission discussed possible outreach strategies such as digital backpack, senior center, library, and Rec center flier. Bruce from Parks and Rec has a survey monkey account available for use.
- 8. Town Council Liaison** Colleen Yudichak shared the timeline and details for the Town Council gathering guidance from the community re ADA sidewalks. Expressed excitement and support from Council and hopes for a quick vote.
- 9. Staff Liaison** Beverly Bellody shared that they recently had the 25th summer theater production that supported students including many with disabilities. Jeanne Pitney is retiring, will be missed. The Department is in the process of interviewing for that position.

**10. Other ideas on how to increase engagement and reach the community** Celebrate Tolland will be September 9th 12-4. Many commissioners will be out of town. Bev offered the use of Human Services table to share materials. Fall festival (scarecrow). Sometime in October, date undetermined. We have a board sign, banner and koozies from previous years. Commissioners will coordinate coverage via email.

**11. Future Agenda Items** Sidewalks follow up, Celebrate Tolland planning

**10. Public Participation** None

**11. Adjournment 7:56** Moved by Julie Burns, Seconded by Randa Utter.

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