



TOWN OF MADISON
CONNECTICUT 06443

MEETING DATE:

Thursday, January 20, 2022

MEETING PLACE:

Zoom

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**Charter Review Commission
Minutes**

Members Present: Joe MacDougald (Chair), Liz Daly, Matt Gordon, Robert O'Connor, David Osterman, Joan Walker

Others Present: Lauren Rhines, Town Coordinator / Risk Manager

The committee convened at approximately 5:39 p.m.

1. Public Comment.
None.

2. Review and take action to approve prior meeting minutes.

Moved by Bob O'Connor and Seconded by Joan Walker to approve Minutes of January 20, 2022 with one amendment to reflect that Liz Daly was not present.

The motion was approved with five votes in favor and one abstention from Chairman MacDougald.

3. Legal Review of Charter Draft.

The Committee reviewed the Charter draft with Attorneys Ira Bloom and Peter Gelderman and made some changes with the intention of a more detailed legal review in February. In particular the Committee also reviewed with Attorneys Bloom and Gelderman the legacy language of the Charter document.

4. Public Comment.

Joe Maco stated that the process for the annual town budget changed to a referendum was changed many years ago to avoid the public attending two "events". He cautioned the committee not to reduce the transparency of town operations in their changes to the document. Mr. Maco added that the Planning & Zoning Commission might be better served being elected versus appointed.

5. Adjourn.

There being no objections, the Committee adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Rhines
Town Coordinator / Risk Manager