



TOWN OF MADISON
CONNECTICUT 06443

MEETING DATE: Thursday, March 24, 2022

MEETING PLACE: Zoom

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**Charter Review Commission
Minutes**

Members Present: Joe MacDougald (Chair), Mark Casparino, Liz Daly, Matt Gordon, Robert O'Connor.

Others Present: Lauren Rhines, Town Coordinator / Risk Manager, Ron Clark, former P&Z Commission Chair, Carol Snow, P&Z Commission Chair, Peter Roos, P&Z Commissioner, and Erin Mannix, Town Planner.

The committee convened at approximately 6:07 p.m.

1. Public Comment.
None.
2. Review and take action to approve prior meeting minutes.

Moved by Matt Gordon and Seconded by Liz Daly to approve Minutes of March 10, 2022.

The motion was approved with four votes in favor and one abstention from Robert O'Connor.

3. Continue Review of Charter including notes from Legal Review.

The Committee began their discussion with a review of public comment received to move the Planning & Zoning Commission to an elected Board versus appointed.

Ron Clark, former P&Z Commission Chair, Carol Snow, P&Z Commission Chair, Peter Roos, P&Z Commissioner all gave similar comments that making the Planning & Zoning Commission elected is not beneficial to the Town. Their comments in support of keeping the Commission appointed included the difficulty in balancing the Commission with unaffiliated voters and the difficulty in expecting candidates to campaign for openings. Given these

comments and the conversation about this topic, the Committee members agreed to keep the Planning & Zoning Commission an appointive board.

The Committee then reviewed other sections of the draft document and set their final Public Hearing for April 27th at 7:00 p.m.

4. Public Comment.

None.

5. Adjourn.

There being no objections, the Committee adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Rhines
Town Coordinator / Risk Manager