



TOWN OF MADISON
CONNECTICUT 06443

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, January 4, 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, Joan Walker

Others Present: Lauren Rhines, Town Coordinator / Risk Manager

The committee convened at approximately 5:05 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 December 16, 2021.

The motion was approved with four votes in favor; one abstention from Joan Walker, and Mark Casparino was not in attendance for this vote.

3. Continue review and revision to Charter document.

The Committee received comments from former First Selectmen Al Goldberg and Fillmore McPherson as well as former BOF Chair, Jean Fitzgerald. The Committee asked these officials to attend to specifically comment on the relationship between the BOS and the BOF.

Al Goldberg questioned how much of the check-and-balance is needed, especially in terms of operating budget. He said that the same way the Board of Finance oversees the BOE budget, should be the way that it oversees the Town budget.

Fillmore McPherson noted that to get rid of the BOF and expand the role of the BOS, is a lot of work and might not make sense; but the first thing to suffer will be the CIP/ the way Madison oversees and supports capital projects. He asked if the committee was trying to fix a problem that didn't exist.

Jean Fitzgerald stated that she felt the Charter might layout the collaboration between BOS and BOF, making these expectations clear. One expectation

could be language mandating Tri-Board meetings between all three Boards prior to the second budget public hearing.

4. Public Comment.

None.

5. Adjourn.

There being no objections, the Committee adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Rhines
Town Coordinator / Risk Manager