

DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Meeting Date: Monday, March 2, 2020
6:00 pm

Meeting Place: Town Campus, Hammonasset Room

AD HOC Government Study Committee Special Meeting Minutes

Committee member Robert F. Polito Jr called the Special Meeting of March 2, 2020 to order at 6:00 pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of prior minutes moved by Jean Ferris, seconded by Helen Burland. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously (Robert F. Polito Jr and Leo White abstained).
3. Public Comment: Fillmore McPherson (former Town of Madison first selectman), offered his views and comments as is relates to the various forms of government. The Committee appreciated Mr. McPherson's time and willingness to assist the effort.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Meet with former First Selectmen to get their input: The Committee discussed the comments from Fillmore McPherson and their impact on the various forms of government, political process and municipal efficiency.
5. Confirm the Committee will meet with the Board of Selectmen, scheduled for March 23, 2020, to update them on the Committee's progress.
6. It was decided that Committee subcommittees are not necessary in this Committee's process as it currently stands.
7. The Committee discussed the format for the current public hearings scheduled for March 16th and April 6th.
8. Town questionnaires: Helen Burland provided a recommended structure to help develop the questionnaires. Robert will meet with Lauren Rhines to help develop the questionnaire structure.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Robert Polito discussed his recent interviews with Superintendent Thomas Scarice and Chair of P&Z, Ron Clark.

10. Robert Polito and Jean Ferris are scheduled to meet with the Towns of Cheshire and Guilford to review their form of government. Robert Polito reported that he had met with the Town of Wallingford. Other town visits were discussed for future interviews.

11. Public Comment - none

Action Items for next meetings:

- a. Review “areas of analysis” in preparation of the Government questionnaire for the town and for town staff leadership (tabled from February 24).
- b. Review Madison’s Town Charter in detail and create a list of questions or clarifications for review with Town Officials (tabled from February 24)
- c. Meet with former First Selectmen to get their input (continuous)
- d. Develop a list of elements from the different Forms of Government that are either seen as favorable or unfavorable (continuous)

12. Adjournment.

Moved by Helen Burland and seconded by Lauren Noble to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Polito Jr.
Chair