



TOWN OF MADISON
CONNECTICUT 06443

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

MEETING PLACE:

Zoom

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**Charter Review Commission
Minutes**

Members Present: Joe MacDougald (Chair), Liz Daly, Matthew Gordon, Noreen Kokoruda, Robert O'Connor, David Osterman (at 5:15), Joan Walker

Others Present: Lauren Rhines, Town Services Coordinator / Risk Manager

The committee convened at approximately 5:04 p.m.

1. Public Comment.

None.

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

MOVED by Noreen Kokoruda and seconded by Matthew Gordon to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2021.

VOTE: the motion was passed with six affirmative votes; Mr. Osterman was not in attendance for the vote.

3. Review Charter input from Town Clerk, Nancy Martucci.

Ms. Martucci provided an overview of the work of the Town Clerk's Office and also comments as to which sections of the current Charter posed obstacles to the efficiency of her department. She illustrated that the budget process timeline was restrictive and should be reviewed.

4. Review Charter red-line & previous work of the Government Study Committee with Town Svc. Coordinator, Lauren Rhines

Ms. Rhines provided a high-level overview of the Government Study Committee final report to the Board of Selectmen and she also illustrated some places within the current Charter that were more harmful than helpful to

the efficient running of government. Overall she advised that the committee should look at each section of the Charter to determine what guidelines, if any, should be dictated by the Charter and then balance these guidelines with the needs of staff and residents. The Committee agreed to begin their future meetings with 15 minutes of review of the current Charter, section-by-section.

5. Discuss process of interviewing other Town CEO's.

The Committee reviewed that gathering data from other Connecticut towns would be very helpful in their deliberations during the First Selectman section of the Charter. The Committee discussed that they should speak with the Government Study Committee and then determine what other Towns they should interview.

6. Public Comment.

None.

7. Adjourn.

There being no objections, the Committee adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Rhines
Town Services Coordinator / Risk Manager