

Board of Education/Town & City Council/RTM Liaison Committee
Special Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.
Central Office, Room 11

PRESENT

BOE – Lee White, Mike Graner

Town Council – David Atwater, Rachel Franco, Juliette Parker

City Council – Jill Rusk

RTM – Kathy Chase, Syma Ebbin

1. Call to Order – Dr. Graner called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. Review of June 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Dr. Graner reviewed the minutes.
3. Board of Education
 - a. Lee White discussed the upcoming policy meeting, will bring a copy for group to review
 - b. Dr. Graner provided an update on the Groton 2020 plan. He had meeting with the State. The middle school schematics were approved by the State architect. Elementary schools: Cutler was approved to be built as a new school and West Side (original plan was to renovate) was approved to build new.
 - c. Union negotiations for secretaries are ongoing. Negotiations with the teachers' union begins on Thursday, August 9, 2018. Councilor Atwater will be part of the process.
 - d. Summer school had new program. The results of program will be discussed at next BOE COW meeting.
 - e. Writing camp had 350 students – 100% loved it.
 - f. The first day of school for teachers is August 29, 2018 and students will be September 4, 2018.
4. Town Council
 - a. Rachel Franco provided an update on the following Merritt Property that there will be a pretrial conference tomorrow (August 2, 2018). The Assistant Attorney General is fully supporting what the Town has provided.
 - b. Groton Heights closing date for bids is August 24, 2018.
 - c. Provided update on Economic Development – new restaurant going into the North End Deli spot.
 - d. Beautification Committee will begin – looking for volunteers, looking to improve the look of Groton, thought to get plant/trees throughout Town, will get more information out once it has been approved by TC, would like to have the City involved also.
 - e. Dr. Graner and Sam Kilpatrick will be at the TC COW on August 24, 2018 to provide a lead update.
 - f. Balfour Beatty – John Burt working on this.
 - g. Noise ordinance was not approved at TC due to State law for Breach of Peace. Police will handle.

5. City Council

- a. Jill Rusk mentioned City Day will be on Friday, August 3, 2018 and it is open to everyone.
- b. There is a new park at Thames Street in the lower Costa Property.
- c. There is a new platform at Fort Griswold.
- d. A new gas station will be at Mitchell Street and Meridian Street.
- e. There is a new sanitation rate.
- f. There is a new water tower by William Seely.
 - Juliette Parker informed the group that the TC approved Town Manager John Burt to sign the easement agreement for William Seely.

6. RTM

- a. Syma Ebbin stated that there has not been a meeting. She informed the group that the RTM will be getting the BYOB ordinance once the Town Council has approved it. The RTM has 45 days to make a decision on it.

7. New Business

- a. Syma Ebbin asked Kim Shepardson Watson to add the item of “New Business” to the agenda.
 - Thought that the group should not only bring updates, but work on how the Committee would work together.

8. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.