

Board of Education/Town & City Councils/RTM Liaison Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2018 @ 6:15 p.m.  
Central Office, Room 11

**PRESENT**

BoE - Rosemary Robertson, Kim Shepardson Watson, Lee White, Susan Austin, Mike Graner,  
Sam Kilpatrick

Town Council - Rachael Franco, Juliette Parker

City Council - Jill Rusk

RTM - Kathy Chase, Portia Bordelon

1. Call to Order – Kim Shepardson Watson called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.
2. Discussion re: the Purpose and Structure of the Liaison Committee – the purpose of the Liaison Committee is for communication between the town bodies regarding what is happening throughout the town and with the town bodies. It was agreed that communication is going to be very helpful for all. Lee White stated that it will be important that the Committee focus on all areas of the town, not just the Board of Education. Rachel Franco shared that there will be an ordinance/public hearing about BYOB later this month. She also stated that a 19-unit condo is being constructed across from the old Poquonnock Bridge Firehouse. Kim Shepardson Watson shared that negotiations are occurring presently with the secretaries' union, and the teachers' negotiations will begin in August. She further stated that there is a need, by Town Charter, to have a Town Councilor present during negotiations.
3. Update re: Groton 2020 Plan – Dr. Graner and Sam Kilpatrick gave the Committee an update on the Groton 2020 Plan. They stated that we need to move forward with the plan as a postponement could have huge financial consequences. They discussed renovation vs. new construction and explained why a renovation can be more costly. Portia Bordelon stated that she hopes any plan will include an investigation of the lead pipes.
4. Develop Meeting Schedule – the Committee decided to meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in room 11 of the Central Office. The next meeting is scheduled for August 1 at 5:30 p.m.
5. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.