

Town & City Councils/RTM/ Board of Education Liaison Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 3, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Central Office, Room 11

**PRESENT**

BOE – Lee White, Susan Austin, Rosemary Robertson, Sam Kilpatrick, Jay Weitlauf (Absent), Mike Graner (Absent)

Town Council – David Atwater, Rachel Franco, Juliette Parker

City Council – Jill Rusk (Absent)

RTM – Kathy Chase, Syma Ebbin, Jim Gustavson

Guest: Kevin Trejo

1. Call to Order - S. Ebbins called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. Approval of September 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Motion was made by Lee White and seconded by Rosemary Robertson. Approved by six. Two abstentions: Syma Ebbins and Jim Gustavson
  - a. One change to September 5, 2018 to add guest: Kevin Trejo
3. Board of Education
  - a. Susan Austin –
    - i. Invitation to Mental Health Summit *Cradle to Career*
      1. November 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
      2. Topic: Teaching children to cope
      3. Involves all
      4. Asked if someone can represent from each group
      5. GASP will be in attendance
    - ii. Looking for grant funding (LEARN/Children First Groton)
    - iii. Department of Defense 4<sup>th</sup> quarter activity
      1. Focus on STEM
        - a. More experiences for elementary to include outside experience
        - b. Morning and afterschool program
      2. IB careers: Nursing,
      3. Professional development for teachers
      4. Certificates will be given
    - iv. New website: grotonschools.org within a week
    - v. Curriculum updated due to Common Core and NGSS
  - b. Sam Kilpatrick
    - i. Update on water situation
      1. Tested at Fitch
        - a. Came back only at 2 lavatories (2100 wing – old wing)
        - b. Hand washing signage posted
      2. Field House/Concession
        - a. First test above limit
        - b. Second test of Field House – ok
    - ii. Met with State – advised
    - iii. Meeting with Health Department on Wednesday
    - iv. Testing at Claude Chester
      1. Few areas
      2. Only one bad result; has been secured

3. Same result for second testing
    - v. Looked into bottle filter station
      1. Tested on bad area came back with positive results
  - c. Mention of West Side and Cutler being made into intra district magnets
    - i. West Side – STEM
    - ii. Cutler – Arts & Humanity
    - iii. New items for schools will be able to be moved into new school building easily
4. Town Council
  - a. Juliette Parker
    - i. There have been 2 Beautification Meetings –
      1. One held at Groton Public Library
      2. Second held at Groton Senior Center
    - ii. Coffee with a Councilor will be on October 6, 2018 at Groton Public Library from 10 a.m – 12 p.m.
    - iii. Fall Festival at Poquonnock Plains from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
      1. BYOB ordinance passed by RTM
5. City Council - Absent
  - a. Nothing to report
6. RTM
  - a. Syma Ebbins and Kathy Chase
    - i. BYOB ordinance was not vetoed
    - ii. Charter Revision discussion
7. New Business
  - a. Betty Anne Reiter retirement party on October 26, 2018 at 6 p.m. at Mystic Art Association
  - b. Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship Dinner on October 18, 2018 at Mystic Marriott
  - c. Jim Gustavson brought up an issue that Mr. Kilpatrick will look into.
  - d. Suggestion to have Andrea Ackerman to discuss Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship at next meeting
  - e. On October 22, 2018 League of Women Voters will be at Groton Public Library in Room 1
  - f. CFECT Thriving Community Conversation will be at Groton Public Library from 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
8. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn Lee White, seconded by Kathy Chase. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Juliette Parker  
Town Councilor Liaison