

GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TOWN & CITY COUNCILS/RTM/ BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 1, 2020 @ 5:30 P.M.  
REMOTE MEETING

Central Office - Mike Graner  
BOE - Kim Shepardson Watson, Lee White  
Town Council - Patrice Granatowsky  
City Council - No Members Present  
RTM - Kathy Chase, Katrina Fitzgerald, Syma Ebbin

1. Call to Order – Kim Shepardson Watson called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.
2. Board of Education Report
  - Kim Watson reported about the superintendent’s retirement announcement that will take effect in mid-October; she explained that the Board established a process for a search committee. The executive director of CAFE will meet in the near future with the Board of Education to explain search options.
  - Kim Watson explained that the district is developing a reopening plan in conjunction with the CSDE guidance.
  - Groton 2020 – Kim Watson reported that Groton Middle School is nearing completion and construction on the two new elementary schools has begun.
3. Town Council Report
  - Patrice Granatowsky reported that the Town Council is working on land acquisition issues including work on the Colonel Ledyard and Noank School properties.
  - Patrice Granatowsky mentioned that people are being encouraged to wear masks in Mystic now that the summer season has begun.
  - The census count is nearing completion but we need a final push to encourage participation. Nana-Yaa Ali, a Fitch High School student who recently led the Black Lives Matter protest held in Groton, will begin an internship with the Police Department.
  - A town committee to study the need for athletic fields has been formed. Board of Education and athletic director participation are encouraged.
4. City Council Report – No report was given.
5. RTM Report
  - Syma Ebbin, the RTM moderator, explained that the RTM finalized the town budget in April and have not held a meeting since.
  - The RTM approved the reuse of the Williams Seeley School property for development.
  - Diversity training is being provided for all town staff, Town Council, and RTM members. Kim Watson indicated that the Board of Education would be interested in participating in the training.
  - Syma Ebbin requested that two high school representatives be identified to serve on the RTM.
6. New Business – No new business was discussed.

Both the Town Council and the RTM plan to continue remote meetings for the foreseeable future. The next meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

7. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.