

GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TOWN & CITY COUNCILS/RTM/ BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 @ 5:30 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING

Central Office - Mike Graner, Susan Austin, Dennis Colclough

BOE - Kim Shepardson Watson, Lee White

Town Council - Patrice Granatowsky, Juliette Parker

City Council - Reginald Stanford

RTM - Kathy Chase, Bruce Flax, Syma Ebbins

1. Call to Order - Kim Shepardson Watson called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
2. Review August 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved as submitted.
3. Board of Education Report
 - Mike Graner reported that schools will begin on September 8 via the hybrid model; Cohort A will meet next week on Tuesday and Wednesday and Cohort B on Thursday and Friday. Everyone will be remote on Wednesdays; 25% of our students will be full distance learning; teachers will live stream lessons, class meetings as well as prerecorded lessons.
 - We do not yet have the Certificate of Occupancy for Groton Middle School.
 - Corona-related Funding - Groton Public Schools received \$662,000 from the CARES Act as well as \$1.2 million from the Corona Relief Fund. These funds will be used to purchase needed PPE, custodial supplies, and to pay the salary costs for substitute teachers, paras, and custodians.
 - Superintendent Search Process - The Board of Education has hired the CABA search consultant to hold focus groups and then conduct the search to be culminated by January 2021.
4. Town Council Report
 - Patrice Granatowsky reported that GoPro cameras for teachers are being used at Grasso Tech.
 - The Lieutenant Governor is proposing a mock election for high school students.
 - Juliette Parker reported that the request for \$12,500 for resurfacing the tennis courts' pathway has been referred to the RTM for action.
5. City Council Report
 - Reggie Stanford reported that the City Council and Mayor will tour the middle school on September 17, 2020.
 - Road work is ongoing in the city.
 - There are some apartments being built and things are in the works for more businesses.
6. RTM Report
 - A Civilian Oversight Review Committee has been established. They will report their findings to the Public Safety Committee.
 - The town's lawyer recommended against having student liaisons on the RTM because the positions are not in the charter. It was requested that CABA give the RTM guidance regarding how student liaisons participate. Mike Graner shared with Syma Ebbins the Board of Education bylaw regarding student liaisons.
7. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.