

GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TOWN & CITY COUNCILS/RTM/BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2020 @ 5:30 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING

Central Office – Michael Graner, Susan Austin

BOE –Kim Shepardson Watson, Rosemary Robertson, Lee White,

Town Council – Patrice Granatosky

City Council – Reginald Stanford

RTM –Syma Ebbin, Kathy Chase, Bruce Flax, Beverly Washington, Michael Whitney

1. Call to Order – Kim Shepardson Watson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Review of September 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved with one change.
3. Board of Education Report
 - One person in middle school tested positive for COVID-19. Through contact tracing, 41 people will be tested. School closed until October 19th. Remote learning in effect
 - One person at Claude Chester tested positive but close contacts were limited. School was closed for two days
 - Northeast Academy had one person test positive, but they were not in school while infectious
 - Twelve staff members are out for the next two weeks at Groton Middle School
 - Dr. Graner is in contact with Ledge Light Health District daily
 - Middle School gym will be completed next week
 - Final beam on Cutler Elementary site will be placed next week at “topping off” ceremony
 - There is a naming committee formed to name the new elementary schools
 - Applications are being reviewed for the new Superintendent and interviewing will start soon
 - Surveys were created and went out to all staff and parents regarding the new way of teaching and learning
4. Town Council Report
 - Had two public hearings at Town Council meeting on October 6th. One on scenic road in Mystic and the other regarding minor changes to the TIF policy
 - Local businesses are being surveyed about the ramifications of COVID-19 on their businesses
 - First Selectman Cheeseborough will be meeting with the Town Council regarding the North Stonington Road bridge
 - Town Council will be looking at road funding – to bond or to CIP
5. City Council Report
 - Milling and repair of Route 349 (Clarence B Sharp Highway)
 - Road work on Eastern Point Road to Pfizer

- Road diet study for Eastern Point Road to Chester Street – two way to one way – to relieve congestion, also may have a bike lane

6. RTM Report

- A revote on student liaison participation after some revising of the RTM rules
- Special committee researching civilian oversight of the police department should wrap up in November
- Finance Committee will give a report at the next RTM meeting on whether to pay \$12,500 for repaving the pathway around the tennis courts at the high school

7. New Business – no new business was discussed

8. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.