GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TOWN & CITY COUNCILS/RTM/ BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2020 @ 5:30 P.M.
REMOTE MEETING

Central Office – Michael Graner, Susan Austin
BOE – Kim Shepardson Watson, Dean Antipas, Rosemary Robertson, Lee White
Town Council – Juliette Parker
RTM – Syma Ebbin, Bruce Flax

1. Call to Order – Kim Shepardson Watson called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Review October 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved as presented.

3. Board of Education Report
   - Kim Shepardson Watson announced the selection of Susan Austin as Superintendent.
   - The schools are continuing in the hybrid model; however, S.B. Butler, Northeast Academy, and Fitch High School are closed for the next two weeks due to COVID cases.
   - New elementary schools:
     - All elementary schools beginning in the fall of 2021 will be magnet schools.
     - The Board selected three themes – Environmental Marine Life Science, Active Exploration: Play & Ingenuity, and Discover Academy: Nurturing Creativity and Curiosity.
   - Kim Shepardson Watson explained that the new school at the former Cutler site will be called Mystic River Magnet School, and the new school at the West Side site will be called Thames River Magnet School.
   - Kim Shepardson Watson explained that Dean Antipas has filled the vacancy on the Board.

4. Town Council Report
   - Juliette Parker reported there was a Town Council meeting tonight and she will make a report at the next committee meeting. She also indicated that due to the red alert status, Groton will return to phase 2.1 beginning on Friday.

5. City Council Report – No report was given.

6. RTM Report
   - Syma Ebbin reported that the RTM voted to approve the paving of the tennis court pathway at its last meeting.
   - Bruce Flax explained that he was a member of the RTM's Civilian Oversight Research Committee. The committee will make recommendations to the Town Council in the near future.
   - Bruce Flax reported that he is also a member of the town's Field Committee which plans to make a report on Thursday, November 5, regarding their recommendations and to solicit feedback from the public.

7. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.