

GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TOWN & CITY COUNCILS/RTM/BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
August 4, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M.  
REMOTE MEETING

Central Office – Susan Austin  
BOE – Andrea Ackerman, Jane Giulini  
Town Council –Juliette Parker  
City Council – Christine Piazza  
RTM –Kathy Chase

1. Call to Order – 5:28 p.m.
2. Review of July 7, 2021, Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve – Susan Austin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy Chase. The minutes were approved as presented.
3. Board of Education Report
  - Negotiations have finished with Secretaries, Tech Support and Custodians. Waiting for that body to okay it
  - Teachers will be in at the end of August
  - Two new elementary schools will be opening on schedule
  - Treehouse is going to include the Middle School. Information will go out to parents on August 6<sup>th</sup> and the applications are due through the 20<sup>th</sup> of August
  - District Diversity Equity and Inclusion book club met and discussed the book The Culturally Responsible Teaching and the Brain
  - They had the opening of the Dr. Michael Graner library at the Groton Middle School
  - Funds from ARP/ESSER are being used to infiltrate the kids with the best they can be given in the next couple of years to make sure they don't have gaps and accelerate their learning with Academic Renewal
  - There have been summer camps for K through 5 in STEM, literacy, and math with embedded coaching for the teachers
4. Town Council Report
  - Accepted approval of a grant for DCF Youth Services and Youth Services Bureau Enhancement grant
  - Documents were signed to become sister cities with Kingston, Jamaica with Groton Town, Groton City and New London
  - More open space has been accepted in the Maple Glen Subdivision
5. City Council Report
  - Concerts in the Park are ongoing
  - The Farmer's Market is on Tuesdays from 3 to 6 p.m.
  - Catch basins are being worked on as well as sidewalks
  - Groton City Day is 8/6/2021
  - Groton Heights Open House on August 7th
  - Food distribution at St. Johns Church on 8/24 and 8/27
  - Commemoration of the 240<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Fort Griswold will be on September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Groton City Brew Run is coming up on September 12th
  - LED lights are being installed at Washington Park

- STEPS Program – Summer Leadership College Career Enrichment Program for young women is ending in about a week
- Working on Economic Development on Thames Street

6. RTM Report

- No meeting, no report

7. New Business

8. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.