

Groton Board of Education  
Special Meeting Minutes  
March 29, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Groton Senior Center, Classroom A

**Members Present:** Kim Shepardson Watson-Chairperson, Andrea Ackerman-Vice Chairperson, Gary Baker, Jay Weitlauf, Lee White

**Members Absent:** Katrina Fitzgerald, Gretchen Newsome, Rosemary Robertson, Rita Volkmann

**Also Present:** Michael Graner

Chairman Shepardson Watson called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. The Chairman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss strategies for addressing the Governor's budget.

Dr. Graner reported on a dialogue he had with Town Manager Mark Oefinger. The Town Manager explained that his budget proposal is based on a revenue projection for FY18 that will see a \$5,000,000 reduction in state education aid. Mr. Oefinger explained the need to consider a number of contingency plans for next year's budget that are based on a range of possible revenue reductions.

The Board discussed the need to develop budget reduction plans to respond to possible reductions by the Town Council and RTM. The Board directed the Superintendent to develop several budget scenarios and present them at future meetings.

**MOTION:** Ackerman, Baker; to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**