Attendees:
Chris Fasciano, School Building Committee Chair
Ellen Meyer Shorb, Community Center PPDC Chair
Craig Nicholson, At-Large School Building Committee Member
Tim Higgins, Town Administrator

Absent:
Becky McFall, School Superintendent
Owen Beenhouwer, At-Large PPDC Member

Public:
Jennifer Glass, Selectwoman, School Building Committee
Tim Christenfeld, School Committee Chair, School Building Committee

The meeting was convened by Tim Higgins in the Superintendent’s Offices in the Hartwell Building at approximately 7:40 a.m.

Jennifer Glass reviewed the feedback the SBC got at their January 30th Public Forum. One hundred and three surveys have been filled out at this point. Roughly half the respondents to date were a current parent and half were community and faculty. The percentage who liked each concept is:

B6: 76%
A3.4: 14%
Repair: 7 people
A1.1: 2 people
Renovation: 2 people

Oriole Landing could potentially have 9-16 additional school age kids.

The PPDC update was provided by Tim Higgins and Ellen Myer Shorb. The January 30th Public Forum was the first chance for the committee to interact with the public and have them weigh in. The committee and architects are currently collecting data on what people liked.

Smith is now being looked at because the public has asked as to whether it is viable as a possible Community Center location. Previous committees have looked at it as a potential location for the
Community Center and have concluded that it wouldn’t work. It would make sense for the two committees to put out a joint statement once this process is completed.

Egress is also an issue that has been raised which has been previously looked at. The PPDC will take another look at this issue as well.

There was then discussion of how the June 9th Special Town Meeting will work. The SBC has had some preliminary discussions about this meeting and currently are leaning toward presenting five concepts. After an initial presentation about these concepts there would be a secret ballot to narrow down the concepts. After discussion on the remaining concepts there would be a standing vote. There was discussion about contingency plans about how to move forward depending on what this vote looks like.

There was also discussion about where the PPDC would fit in to the June 9th agenda. The committee discussed the pros and cons of including them in the presentation before the secret ballot as well as deferring their slot until after the SBC portion of the meeting is finished. The committee discussed whether it made sense to use the time we will be allocated at Town Meeting to try and get a sense of what the town desires. It was decided that idea would probably not work. The committee decided to continue the conversation at subsequent meetings.

The minutes from the January 18th meeting were approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, by Chris Fasciano