The meeting was convened by Tim Higgins in the Superintendent’s Offices in the Hartwell Building at approximately 7:30 a.m.

The Group started by discussing the April 10th Community Forums. The PPDC will present 3 options as well as focus on sustainability. They will also have models to display. They anticipate needing 45 minutes for their part of the evening.

The SBC will be discussing in detail the six concepts that were introduced at Town Meeting. The sustainability data will be shown. The financial implications to achieve decreased EUI measures will be shown. The lifetime savings that can be achieved is $9-$12 million. Current annual expenses including Hartwell are $300,000 or $9 million over 30 years.

There was a brief discussion of Town Meeting and the feedback. There was very limited support for having the Community Center at Smith. By a two to one margin the people that filled out feedback forms preferred the compact school design with the Community Center at Hartwell to an L shaped school building with the Community Center at Hartwell. Ellen Meyer Shorb mentioned that the PPDC needed to discuss what a Community Center is and what it provides to the Town and where the Parks & Recreation Department fits in each chance they get to address the Town.

The Group then began an initial planning discussion for the June 9th Special Town Meeting. The discussion centered on how to structure the presentations and votes. There was discussion on what role the PPDC would play during the SBC presentations. It was decided that the PPDC should introduce their concepts at a high level with cost estimates prior to any votes. There was also discussion on when to vote and how many votes might be taken to get down to one concept. There was also initial
discussion about there would be a third question for a vote to gauge the Town views on how to proceed with the two projects from a timing standpoint. More discussion on this topic will occur over the next several meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, by Chris Fasciano