Committee Chair Jack Dunn opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m., stating that the agenda was to hear a presentation from HMFH Architects regarding signage and colors for the new schools and have an update on the construction project.

Matt Cashman reported that the roof replacement project at Beaver Meadow has been completed. $150,000 was budgeted for the project; the final price was approximately $139,000. He also reported that new door hardware and closures have been installed at CHS and RMS at a cost of $70,552. This completes the District’s 3-year fire safety improvement plan. A letter will be sent to the Fire Department shortly to report that the new hardware has been installed.

Tina Stanislaski of HMFH Architects presented mock drawings of the outside of the three new schools to show how the signage colors would appear. It was decided that “primary” and “elementary” will be eliminated from the schools’ signage and the murals on the cafeteria serving line walls including planes, grass, and space exploration will be replaced with neutral tile patterns. The primary colors of three of the walls in each classroom will be white, with accent colors on one wall and in the halls. Primary floor and accent colors will be blue for Mill Brook, green for Christa McAuliffe and yellow and orange for Abbot-Downing. Exposed ductwork will be yellow, and exposed structural steel will be blue. Mr. Dunn and Ms. Stanislaski presented a slide show of wall and floor colors in existing buildings as an example of how the colors will look in the new schools. Mill Brook playground equipment will be designed to be handicap accessible. The committee discussed moving the existing playground equipment from Eastman to Mill Brook. Justin Powers of Harvey Construction will investigate the Eastman playground equipment to see how it might be fitted into the new playground design. Mr. Cashman stated that two dedicated benches at Eastman should be moved to Mill Brook, one for the rotary and one for former student Trish Sloper. Several dedication tiles will be moved as well.

Ms. Stanislaski discussed the fence at Abbot-Downing and how the four existing gates are important for the neighbors to have access to the field. The current plans
call for the installation of a stockade fence with no gates. A decision will have to be made whether to keep the old fencing or put in the new fencing and add gates. Mr. Powers will obtain pricing for the changes. A possible meeting with neighbors will occur once options are available to present.

The committee adjourned at 6:30 p.m. (motioned by Jack Dunn, Chair).

Jack Dunn, Chair
Matt Cashman, Recorder