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TO: Milton Planning Board  
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RE: 193 Central Avenue Goddard School New Building  
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The applicant has been asked to provide a sample of the fiber -wood-cement composite shingles to be used on the exterior of the building. We tried to obtain samples from multiple sources but learned that these samples, because of cost, are not typically kept on hand and it would take multiple weeks to obtain them.

Instead, I am providing additional information from the project architect, Joseph Walsh, about this siding choice, in comparison with cedar shingles, to explain why this is the siding chosen. With this memo I have provided two photos of this type of shingle on a residential structure from manufacturer's web sites.

**Fiber-Cement Shake Siding (combination of wood fiber, sand, clay and cement)**

Fire resistance – may lower insurance premiums.

Durability - resistant to insects, rot, fungus and UV damage.

Sustainability – uses waste wood fibers in its manufacturing; less frequent painting required

Paint – Can be prefinished at factory or easily painted in field; maintains paint for a longer period than wood.

Cost – slightly higher initial cost, but lower maintenance cost over time.

Longevity – will last long term with minimal maintenance. Typically has a 30 year warranty.

This type of shingle has been selected rather than cedar shingles (wood siding), which has the following characteristics.

**Wood Siding**

Fire resistance - not fire resistant

Durability - not resistant to insects, rot or fungus  
Paint – will require more frequent painting.

Longevity – will last long term but will require constant maintenance.



