

Joint hearing with the Conservation Commission on the bond utilization for Stonehouse Forest. **Will the Commission recommend and the Board of Selectmen support utilization of the bond to purchase the property?**

Chestnut Forrest: The Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen need to discuss if the Selectmen will accept the easement upon the Chestnut Farm property to guarantee preservation. ***What does the Board wish to do?***

Meeting Schedule: The Planning Board will have a second public hearing so the Board will need to schedule a meeting to sign the warrant January 20 or 21. ***Does the Board wish to schedule a short meeting to sign the warrant?***

Asbestos containing demolition debris: The material cannot be buried on site. We are seeking other estimates, but it appears the cost will be over \$200,000 for removal. The monitoring that will be needed is in the area of \$10,000 by a certified monitoring firm like the Scott Larson Group. A decision needs to be made keeping in mind the quote from S&R expires the 13th. If they move their equipment there will be a remobilization cost. I hope to have two more quotes shortly and am also negotiating with S&R for a lower price. ***Will the Board authorize the removal of the asbestos material from the former town hall and authorize the Scott Larson Group to do the monitoring?***

Information:

George Calef resigned from the Planning Board. The Board is now short two members.

The rates that we paid our lawyers with Mitchell Municipal group is \$195/hour Walter Mitchell; \$180/hour Jae Whitelaw; \$160/hour Steve Whitley.

John Huckins did not go on Steven Jeffrey's land. He had a written complaint which he followed up by driving by and viewing the property from the road.

Highway line 01-4312-01-4631 As near as we can determine all the \$ 645,019.31 expenditures were for roads except: \$2,862.50 for the ECLC school project, \$3,904.50 for an expanded parking area by the food pantry/new tower, appx \$700 for parking lot repair at the Elementary School and curbing at ECLC, \$10,299.18 for paving at the public works garage.

The Scott Lawson Group: Since 2008 has been paid \$23, 644. This does not include the latest work. Half of that work was done before April 2011.

David Witham from Primex (our insurance provider) visited the site 1/5 and was basically satisfied with the steps we have taken for safety and liability. He did suggest more tape and barricades around the two piles of asbestos containing debris along with signs identifying that they contained asbestos, which we did. He was pleased we had an "outstanding" environmental consulting firm which is one of the "best groups going" in the Scott Larson Group. I called Steve with the Larson Group and together David and I discussed plans going forward. We plan to have someone on site while the material is being removed to verify what is being done.

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[TOWN ADMINISTRATOR]

According to our records, Chris Vachon bought his home October 25, 2004 and paid the current use January 17, 2005.