

1 Field repair three separate locations on the upper field. Rota tilled and new loam was added. These areas were graded over seeded and rolled to the level of the surrounding turf. All the fields were aerated and fertilized.

2, 3, 4 As described in the line items.

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6 and 7 The total paid to Carlson surveying was \$2,800. He surveyed the area of the proposed replacement footbridge, determined wetland delineations, prepared a notice of intent for the conservation commission, and represented the Oak Grove Farm Commission at subsequent hearings of the Conservation Commission. He laid out two soccer fields that are outside any wetlands areas. These fields have been staked. The demarcation of these fields is available even if the stakes are removed.

8 An Oak Grove Farm Commission member brought Mr. Ed Barry of Barry Farm Management Company of Upton to our attention. Mr. Barry regularly works in Sherborn cutting back old farm fields to be returned to pasture. He also does trail cutting throughout the area that includes rehabbing walking trails, course trails etc. While working in Sherborn we approached him and asked him to take a look at areas that Oak Grove Farm Commission felt could use his services. The first area was along Ridge Street to clear the brush from around the dead ash trees that we are planning on taking down. The rest of the areas were where brush has encroached on fields in trails. This was a project that was undertaken because of the availability of Mr. Barry in our area.

9 The Oak Grove Farm Commission needed to remove the dead ash trees to the north of the gate on Ridge Street. We received approval from the tree warden, Mr. Cantoreggi. These trees have been dead for many years and were starting to fall on their own. Stumpy's Tree Service wanted to wait until the cold weather set in before cutting these trees. The price we had been quoted, \$3,280.00, was a price for the work to be done when the ground was frozen and his men could more easily cut their way through the brush to the base of the trees. But when the representative from Stumpy's saw that we had removed all the undergrowth around the trees, saving his men from having to cut their way up to the base of the 17 trees we removed, he said he would do it immediately rather than wait. It was estimated that the cost could've been \$750.00-\$1000.00 higher. So Mr. Barry's work saved us some money on the tree removal bill.

10 When we started the footbridge replacement project, we did not anticipate the postage costs to notify all the abutters of Oak Grove Farm. The biggest part of the cost was notifying the condominium owners at Lansing Village. Only one resident attended the first hearing.

11 and 12 These two line items add up to \$1,865.00. Item 11 for the spreading and grading of both the upper and lower parking lots with the material from item 12. We have not received

a bill for the materials yet. We believe this bill will come to the Millis DPW and will be forwarded to the Oak Grove Farm Commission for us to pay.

13 The amount of this bill was originally \$2,100.00 after an emergency phone call I received from DPW Assistant Director, Mr. McKay, concerning a tree that was in danger of falling onto Ridge Street. Part of the same group of trees that were removed in item 9. I told him to go ahead and do what he needed to do to protect the public. When we received the bill for \$2,100.00 we were shocked to put it mildly. One of the members of the commission volunteered to call Stumpy's the following day and see if some adjustment could be made. During this call the commission was informed that the bill was almost \$1,000 higher than it should have been.

Items 14 through 25 I will discuss at the selectmen's meeting on the 16th.