

8/14/16

Re: Longmeadow Pavement

Dear Pomfret Board of Selectmen,

Several of the residents of Longmeadow Estates have met in an effort to determine a course of action that will hopefully help expedite the process of determination of a resolution to the concerns of the residents that will be suitable to all parties. Realizing that time is limited at BOS meetings, and also the fact that recent meetings have not proven to be productive, a subcommittee of Longmeadow residents have compiled a list of questions/concerns of the residents and are submitting this list in advance of the upcoming 8/22 meeting.

Questions:

1. As much information exists indicating that this material potentially has harmful environmental and health impacts (i.e. CT DPH advises that municipalities not use coal-tar based sealants, and the USGS data has led to bans in many places), will the BOS agree not to use this material (i.e. PDC or similar coal-tar based products) anywhere else in Pomfret? **Answer:** The BOS continues to communicate with competent authorities such as CT DEEP and DPH and the NDDH for guidance on making a decision on the use of coal-tar based products statewide. The BOS has placed an immediate moratorium on the use of this product while information and guidance are received on the use of coal-tar products such as the Pavement Dressing Conditioner (PDC).
2. Did the Town of Pomfret verify that Surtreat Technologies, Inc. and any installers and subcontractors were on the Ct. Secretary of State's list of businesses? **Answer:** Yes. SureTreat was not listed. Cardi Construction the principle subcontractor is listed.
3. Did the Town of Pomfret check that Surtreat Technologies, Inc. and any installers and subcontractors have licenses with the Ct Department of Consumer Protection.? **Answer:** No.
4. If any entity is being asked to provide judgement on the environmental/health aspects of this product as installed at Longmeadow, will the BOS provide information as to the qualifications of all entities involved in any judgement? **Answer:** Yes upon request.
5. Will the BOS agree that a plan be implemented that will ensure the residents of Longmeadow are given acceptable roads that are safe for residents, the environment, and are aesthetically up to the standards that would be expected in a residential neighborhood? **Answer:** The Town is providing a safe road. The road is now profiled for water drainage and ice melt. It is an impervious surface to water, salt, and fuels, which eliminates the formation of pot-holes.

6. As we understand it, the original plan for these roads called for milling and paving, a traditional process. If following studies, this product is deemed unsuitable for this application, is the BOS prepared to institute this level of construction? **Answer:** There is not a “traditional” process applied to road repair. Each road is evaluated on its condition, traffic volume, and other factors. This road was scheduled for sealing and paving in a few years.
  
7. Is money that was allocated for the original planned “repaving” job still available? And if so, how much is available? If, not, are funds available from another source? **Answer:** Funds for Longmeadow are still allocated to Longmeadow. Longmeadow road funds were used to repair sections of the road, apply asphalt to establish a proper profile for water drainage, and to apply the pavement conditioner. Funds continue to accrue for phase 2 of the road construction.
  
8. If rework of any kind is recommended following completion of studies, what would be the timeline for this work? **Answer:** Phase 2 construction is planned for next summer’s road construction season.
  
9. This project was identified as a “test” since this product had not been used in the area. Why was Longmeadow identified as the location for this “test?” **Answer:** Longmeadow has the greatest volume of stop and go traffic. Also, age and the condition of the road were factors.
  
10. Should studies determine that this product is an environmental and/or health risk, will the BOS commit to providing ongoing monitoring as required to ensure safety of the residents and surrounding properties? **Answer:** It has not been determined to pose an environmental or health risk.

Comments:

1. In the future, inform residents of work being done in a timely manner (i.e. at least one month prior to the work).
  
2. We ask that future projects go out to bid per town ordinance. When any project has potential risks to the health and safety of the citizens, it is expected that all parties in the bidding process be vetted for proper licensing, insurance coverage, and other matters relevant for a municipal contract.

We are appreciative of the attention the BOS are giving this matter and want you all to know that we are willing to work with you to help bring this to a speedy resolution. You are welcome to utilize this subcommittee as a conduit for information sharing in the future and may contact the point of contact listed below:

Robert Andrews

[r\\_andrews60@yahoo.com](mailto:r_andrews60@yahoo.com)

860-428-5120

Longmeadow Residents Communications Subcommittee:

Robert Andrews

Kimberly Bergendahl

Steve Gallant

Fred Nagle

Greg Short

Brent Tuttle

Sharon Verrilli