



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – June 2017

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2017

Current: Frank Bean Road culvert replacement and reclamation and first course of overlay was completed. The final surface will be placed in July. The road is open for traffic. Winter Street (Union to Highland) design is near completion. It was modified and the road will not be lowered. Winter Street needs extensive repairs to its drainage system. The contractor is planning on doing the drainage work in July and the road surface in August. This project must be completed before school starts. Adams Street design is underway and this project will be completed by the fall. North Main Street overlay is scheduled to occur after Labor Day. DPW will be stripping the road for bike lanes after it is resurfaced. The object is to have a bike lane from Tremont Street to the Elm Street intersection. DPW is working with NHDOT on the section from Lexington to Elm Street. Tremont Street's final surface will be placed this fall. DPW will survey Veteran's Square after completing the Adam's Street design. Veteran's Square is very flat and we will be looking at multiple options to improve the pavement surface. The kickoff meeting with the Engineer Consultants on the Pavement Management Program study is scheduled for July 7th.

Previous: Liberty Utilities has completed their work on Adams Street. That completes all required utility work for Adams Street. Design has begun to determine any corrections necessary to correct drainage issues that exist. The design for Winter Street is in progress. To correct drainage issues in the road, the surface will have to be lowered 6 to 9 inches. This is a time sensitive project as it must be completed before school starts. All other projects have been reviewed by the utility companies and they do not have to do any work on the remaining roads programmed for this calendar year.

MESSER STREET/DUTILE OIL DRAINAGE

Current: The Railroad Crossing Agreement has been finalized. Wetland permit application is still under technical review at NH DES. We are presently exploring options for construction trench dewatering as the new corridor will pass through the City's New England yard which has contaminated soils. We are filing a permit by notification with NH DES to place a coffer dam in Lake Opechee to assist with the video inspection of the existing 20" pipe between the tank farm at Dutile's and the outlet at the bank of the lake.

Previous: NH DOT has approved the RR crossing agreement. We are obtaining the signatures for the agreement. We received notice that the Wetlands Permit application is complete and is under technical review by DES staff. NH Division of Historic Resources has reviewed the project and concurred that there is no impact. We are still looking at options for repairing or replacing the existing drainage pipe that goes under the tracks behind Dutile & Sons Oil.

LAKESIDE AVENUE

Current: Phase 1 is substantially complete. Some minor punch list items are being addressed. Parking kiosks are operational. Some light pole banner arms were damaged during Bike Week vendor set up. Replacement parts are in the process of being ordered. Final work is scheduled to start after Labor Day.

Previous: All utility poles have been removed. The base course of pavement has been laid (wearing course will be placed in the early fall). Parking spaces have been striped and

numbered. The double yellow centerline has been painted as has the green line marking the outside edge of Motorcycle Week travel lanes. Parking kiosks have been shipped and should arrive by May 23. Lamp posts are being set. Railings at the retaining walls and back edge of sidewalk have been set. Placement of the concrete sidewalks and brick accent is the current priority. There will likely be some minor tasks to complete after Memorial Day Weekend but the majority of the work will be complete. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for 2:00 pm on Thursday, May 25th near the New Hampshire Avenue intersection.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: The Downtown TIF Advisory Board last met on June 20th. Primary topics of discussion included updates on Riverwalk projects, the Downtown Parking Garage, wayfinding signage on the WOW Trail and banner poles. Concerns were raised about the ongoing condition and maintenance of the parking garage. The Advisory Board expressed interest in reaching out to the City Council to discuss these ongoing issues and future plans of the parking garage.

Previous: The Downtown TIF Advisory Board will be meeting May 23rd. Engineering work continues on the various Riverwalk segments. Other topics that will be discussed at the meeting will include wayfinding signage for the WOW Trail in the Downtown TIF area and the Downtown Parking Garage.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update. The next meeting is scheduled for July 20th.

Previous: The Weirs TIF Advisory Board met on April 20th. Details of the Lakeside Avenue improvements were discussed and the expected timelines of various components were presented. The discussion focused on paving schedule, sidewalk construction, ornamental light pole design elements, parking kiosks and parking regulations, utility construction and potential future enhancements (benches, trash receptacles, banners) proposed by the Weirs Action Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for July 20th.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The Advisory Board had a special meeting to review the scope of work for consultants to assist the Board in developing the roadmap and cost estimates for creating a separate Municipal Waste Water Authority. The Scope was approved. The cost of this support would be funded from the municipalities' payments to the State. This effort may require two consultants. The consultant(s) would be working for the Board and would review and approve the consultants' products. The Advisory Board is working with the State to determine which contracting mechanism meets its requirements for both quality and timeliness.

Previous: The Advisory Board discussed the next steps in the process to obtain a decision on whether to create a separate authority for the system. The Board agreed that the next step is to determine what is legally and legislatively required to create the authority, and to collect and analyze the background financial information necessary for the action. The Board voted to have the CIP Committee develop a scope of work for this requirement. The Committee meets twice a week and has developed a draft and sent it to DES for advice. Additionally, it was sent to the Mitchell Group to see if the scope of work was within the capabilities of a legal firm. Both DES and the Mitchell Group have provided comments.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: City staff is still compiling information on recent and proposed stormwater improvements that may be taken into consideration when discussing mitigation requirements. Once this information is compiled, a meeting will be scheduled with NHDES mitigation staff.

Previous: NHDES Wetland Bureau has directed the City to meet with NHDES mitigation staff to identify options for mitigating impacts to the shoreland zone. Mitigation is required when impacting areas inside the lake which will occur due to the placement of sand fill. City staff is compiling information on recent and proposed stormwater improvements that may be taken into consideration when discussing mitigation requirements. Once this information is compiled, a meeting will be scheduled with NHDES mitigation staff.

ZONING TASK FORCE

Current: The Zoning Task Force is finished for the time being. This group may be revived after the Master Plan is complete.

Previous: City Council approved Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance on May 8.

DOWNTOWN WAYFINDING

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.



LACONIA HEART AND SOUL MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

DES WATERSHED ASSISTANCE GRANT

Current: No update.

Previous: The Shoreland Impact Permit (2017-00788) has been approved and received. It is valid until April 19, 2022.

The City will revisit the installation of pervious concrete panels over the summer. Post construction water sampling will occur to determine effectiveness of the stormwater improvements that occurred last fall.

LEAVITT PARK TENNIS COURTS

Current: The tennis courts are near completion with all site work, paving, fencing and net posts installed. Remaining work includes final colored surfacing, striping and net installation. The courts are expected to be open to the public the first week of July, depending on weather. A

ribbon cutting ceremony will occur upon completion of the project with a date not yet determined.

Previous: The City received three proposals and Vermont Recreational was selected as the firm to perform the tennis court reconstruction. Work has started on the courts including the installation of the gravel base, binder course of pavement and fence posts. The fencing fabric and the final course of pavement is expected to occur in the next week. Completion of the project is anticipated around the end of June.

DOG PARK PROJECT

Current: The project site was recently reviewed by the NH Division of Historical Resources and the location was determined to be not archaeologically sensitive. The site was also reviewed by the NH Natural Heritage Bureau and no recorded occurrences for sensitive species were found near the project area. Parks and Recreation will be meeting with members of the Happy Tails Dog Park the last week of June. Several items regarding the dog park project will be discussed including the following:

1. Formal confirmation that the power company allows access under their lines.
2. Draft of agreement between Happy Tails and the City of Laconia
3. Naming of the Park
4. Set up of the funding
5. Securing a contractor through the bid/RFP process

ROBBIE MILLS WATER SUPPLY

Current: City staff has been working with the State of New Hampshire Administrative Services to finalize a license agreement to utilize the State of NH water tank and to drill wells on the property of the Lakes Region Facility to provide a water system to irrigation athletic fields and service restrooms. A final version of the license agreement has been signed by the City and has been sent to the State of NH for final signatures. Mobilization of well drilling equipment is expected shortly after the license agreement is signed. Completion date of the project is not known at this time. Further approval of the license agreement by Governor and Council and the Long Range Planning and Utilization Committee will be needed. The City is also finalizing a license agreement with the State of NH for use of Hank Risley Field for parking and other limited uses.

LACONIA RIVERWALK

Current: The City has withdrawn from the TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant program and has been working with HEB Engineering to modify the scope of work for engineering services. Without the need to meet TAP Grant requirements, a reduction in the cost and scope of work was possible. The City has reviewed the modified (reduced) scope of work and will be finalizing the modified engineering agreement in the next week. Once authorized, HEB Engineering will continue with the engineering of previously approved Riverwalk phases including segments behind the Landmark Inn/Walgreens, the City Hall parking lot to Church Street and the pedestrian bridge over the Perley Canal inlet.