



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – June 2018

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2018

Current: Busby Construction continues to install new sewer at various locations along Court Street and its side streets. Eversource's contractor, Evans Line, began placing new utility poles. The pole work will continue for the remainder of the summer. Liberty Utilities will begin gas main work on Court Street in mid-July. Work on Pleasant Street is also expected to begin in mid-July. The design engineering team is progressing with design on Union Avenue (from Elm to Stark St). A second public input session for this project is scheduled for August 16th.

Previous: Court Street construction has started. Busby will continue installing new sewer on Court Street until Motorcycle Week. Busby is planning to shift work to side streets off of Court Street for Motorcycle Week and begin work on Pleasant Street after school is out. Eversource will begin their portion of the work in May and continue relocating utility poles through the summer. A public input session was held on May 3 for the Union Ave (Elm to Stark) project. Feedback was received about the condition of the road and concerns about on-street parking south of the Union and Elm Street intersection.

MESSER STREET/DUTILE OIL DRAINAGE

Current: Work is scheduled to begin in October 2018 to coincide with the Opechee Lake drawdown. The drain will be installed in a phased approach with the off-road pipe installation, including crossing under the WOW trail and railroad tracks this year, and the work in Messer Street in FY 2020 (fall of 2019).

Previous: No update.

BALDWIN STREET AND BOWMAN STREET PROJECT

Current: Sewer and paving is complete on Baldwin Street. Busby Construction is completing the remaining sewer on Bowman Street and will begin drain, road and sidewalk work in the next week. Work on Bowman Street is expected to continue for 6-8 weeks.

Previous: Mainline sewer replacement is complete on Baldwin Street. Sewer services and paving remain. The Water Department has completed their work on Bowman Street. Busby Construction has begun construction of the new sanitary sewer on Bowman Street.

LAKESIDE AVENUE

Current: No update. Completion of the irrigation installation and seasonal plantings at the Weirs Beach sign island will occur after Motorcycle Week.

Previous: Studley's Landscaping has started irrigation installation at the Weirs Beach sign island. Irrigation startup and seasonal plantings will occur after Motorcycle Week in this island.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: The Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on June 19th. Updates on the Downtown Riverwalk project were given (see further details in Riverwalk updates section). Discussion on a set of banner poles occurred and the request for TIF funding is expected to be brought before the City Council on June 25th. Downtown parking was a main topic of discussion

with the City Hall parking lot, Central parking lot and St. Joseph's Church being sites that were identified as having potential opportunities. The delay with the start of the Colonial Theater project was discussed. Further details can be found in meeting minutes posted on the City's website.

Previous: The Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on May 15th. Updates on the Downtown Riverwalk project were given (see further details in Riverwalk updates section). Discussion of the Downtown Parking Garage, wayfinding signage, banner poles and the Colonial Theater project occurred. Further details can be found in meeting minutes posted on the City's website.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update. The next meeting is scheduled for August 16th, 2018.

Previous: The Weirs TIF Advisory Board met on April 19th. Topics of discussion included the Weirs Beach sign irrigation, banners, Weirs Beach restoration, parking kiosks, historical signage, and trash/recycling containers. Further details can be found in the meeting minutes posted on the City's website. The next meeting is scheduled for August 16th, 2018.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The Advisory Board's CIP Subcommittee has developed comments to WRBP's operating regulations for Advisory Board approval. If approved by the Advisory Board the CIP Subcommittee will work with the WRBP to modify their proposed changes to the operating regulations that go through the State regulation approval process. Rath, Young & Pignatelli provided its first preliminary draft of the road map to the CIP Subcommittee for review on June 14th.

Previous: The Advisory Board has established a goal of having a proposed model for a new rate assessment formula to the member communities in January of 2019. The Board believes it has sufficient historical flow data to use as a test case for the formula. The CIP Subcommittee held its kickoff meeting with Ms. Young, the attorney coordinating the development of the road map for Rath, Young & Pignatelli. The Subcommittee's objective is to present the road map to the Advisory Board at its July 19th meeting.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: The City's engineering consultant, Woods Hole Group, has submitted a revised scope of work for final design work for the project to incorporate a terraced wetland. NHDES has conceptually approved the terraced wetland concept that has been proposed as a required mitigation element for the project. We are likely looking at construction for the beach restoration and related components in October/November 2019 due to the lengthy permitting process that is anticipated. The project can only occur in the October/November window due to environmental impacts.

Previous: Woods Hole Group has submitted a wetland mitigation concept plan to NHDES for review. The plan calls for a terraced, created wetland area between the current shoreline and the public docks. The wetland impacts to the lake due to the restoration of the beach require a mitigation component to the project. This created wetland would provide much needed stormwater treatment while also providing educational opportunities. The City is awaiting a response from NHDES on this concept plan.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: The Planning Board has expressed a desire for the Master Plan Steering Committee to continue and help with the implementation of the suggestions contained in the recently adopted updated Master Plan Land Use chapter. Meanwhile, Planning Department staff is formulating outlines of updates for consideration.

Previous: At the May 8, 2018 Planning Board meeting the Board approved and adopted the proposed Vision Statement and the Land Use Chapter. Updates to other chapters of the Master Plan will be initiated over the next couple of years. Planning staff will now start formulating updates to the Zoning Ordinance to begin implementing recommendations in the updated document.

DES WATERSHED ASSISTANCE GRANT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

LEZAMA FAMILY HAPPY TAILS DOG PARK PROJECT

Current: A ground breaking ceremony took place on May 30th. Raymond's Landscaping has cleared the area of trees and construction layout, stump clearing and rough grading is ongoing.

Previous: The City Council approved the \$100,000 donation at their April 23rd meeting. Raymond's Excavation is slated to start construction after Memorial Day. There will be a ground breaking ceremony on May 30th at noon at the site. The City is finalizing an agreement with Happy Tails Dog Park detailing the management of the Dog Park.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK

Current: Busby Construction has been awarded the project for the Landmark/Walgreens segment and the City Hall to Church Street segments. Construction work on the Landmark/Walgreens section will occur this summer. The City Hall to Church Street segment will occur just after Columbus Day.

Previous: The low bidder for construction of two Downtown Riverwalk segments defaulted on the award of the project. The City will be meeting with the second lowest bidder, Busby Construction, to evaluate the scope of work. Due to the default of the initial low bidder, construction of the Landmark/Walgreens segment will be delayed. Work on the Landmark/Walgreens segment is anticipated to occur after Motorcycle Week. The City Hall to Church Street segment is slated for construction after Columbus Day.

SANBORN PARK, TARDIF PARK AND LEAVITT PARK COURT RESURFACING

Current: Work has been delayed due to the recent formation of a sinkhole in the Sanborn Park basketball court. DPW will be repairing the sinkhole after Motorcycle Week. The resurfacing contractor has been put on hold until this repair is complete.

Previous: The City Council authorized additional funding for the resurfacing of the Leavitt Park basketball courts at their meeting on May 14th. This additional resurfacing work will be partially funded by impact fees. Work is slated to begin May 2018.

BARTLETT BEACH AND BOND BEACH EROSION/DRAINAGE PROJECTS

Current: Final design plans are complete. NHDES permitting is pending conditioned upon available funding for the construction phase. Any construction work will take place in the Fall when beach season is over.

Previous: Final design plans are pending.