



## LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – October, 2018

### **LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2018**

#### Current:

##### *Bond Funded Projects:*

Busby continues to install the new drainage system on **Court Street** from Keasor Ct. to Fair Street. Consolidated Communications must complete their work to allow Busby to finish the drainage work and begin reclaiming the roadway and constructing the sidewalk. As of Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Consolidated Communication has been unable to determine their completion date. The gas main work associated with the Durkee Brook bridge is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2019 which will allow a final connection of the drainage, and road and sidewalk work up to the bridge.

Additional investigation has been performed to determine the locations of utilities in the intersection of Elm and Union to fit the new drainage system into the intersection. This investigation has delayed the start of the **Union Avenue (Elm to Stark Street)** project. The work is expected to start this year at the Elm Street intersection with sewer and drainage upgrades. The limits of work this construction season will depend on production and weather. The object is to complete enough work so that construction in the area of the intersection can be completed before Memorial Day 2019.

The design engineering team is progressing with design on the **Union Avenue (Main St. to Gilford Ave.)** project with an expected construction start in the spring of 2019. Gas main work in this area resumed this month.

##### *Annual Program:*

Work is almost complete on **Pleasant Street**, from Oak Street to North Main Street. Sidewalks are complete and final paving is expected this month. Busby completed drainage and the first coat of asphalt on **Merrimac St.** Sidewalks and final paving on Merrimac St. to be completed over the next 4-5 weeks. **Penny Lane** has been shimmed and is waiting on its final surface course. **Parsonage Drive** has been reclaimed and the asphalt base course paved. DPW is planning on shimming a section of **Weirs Blvd.** near the intersection of White Oaks Road and **Union Ave. from Messer Street to near Elm Street.**

#### Previous:

##### *Bond Funded projects:*

Busby resumed work on September 17<sup>th</sup> on Court Street. Busby will install the drainage system and then begin road and sidewalk reconstruction. Eversource has completed transferring power to the new poles and Eustis Cable is currently transferring fire alarm, fiber optic and cable. Liberty Utilities has completed the process of abandoning the 8-inch gas main. Consolidated Communication on September 15<sup>th</sup> began transferring their cables from the old to the new poles and is preparing to place the new cables on the poles eliminating their underground cables that are in the road. Additional work will be required in the spring of 2019 to relay gas main under the Durkee Brook Bridge, which will allow a final connection of the drainage and road and sidewalk work up to the bridge.

The **Union Avenue (Elm to Stark Street)** public input session took place on August 16. Additional utility and road subbase exploration took place in August and construction is expected to begin on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The work will start at the Elm Street intersection with sewer and drainage upgrades, followed by roadway and sidewalk improvements. The limits of work this construction season will depend on production and weather. Construction is expected to continue in the spring of 2019.

The design engineering team is progressing with design on the **Union Avenue (Main St. to Gilford Ave.)** project with an expected construction start in the spring of 2019. Gas main work in this area will resume this month.

*Annual Program:*

Work is progressing on Pleasant Street, from Oak Street to North Main Street. Sewer and drainage upgrades and the asphalt base course are complete and Busby Construction is working on sidewalks. Final paving is expected in early October. Water Works completed replacing their pipe on Merrimack Street. Busby began work on Merrimack on Sep 17<sup>th</sup>. Other streets scheduled for work this construction season include Penny Lane, a section of Weirs Blvd. near the intersection of White Oaks Road and Union Ave from Messer Street to near the south end of the Union Ave (the Elm Street intersection).

**MESSER STREET/DUTILE OIL DRAINAGE**

Current: Drainage work began this month in coordination with the lake drawdown. The scope of work this year is constructing the drainage line under the railroad tracks to the lake. Next year, the connections will be completed on Messer Street.

Previous: Coordination continues with NH DOT railroad division and the Plymouth & Lincoln Railroad. Work is scheduled to begin in September with the majority occurring during the drawdown.

**LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT**

Current: There is no meeting planned for the Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board in October. The next meeting will be in November.

Previous: The Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The following items were discussed:

Banner Poles – An RFP for design and installation of the banner poles will be issued this fall. Installation is anticipated for the spring.

Downtown Riverwalk – See further details in Riverwalk updates section.

Downtown Parking Garage – The Board will look to get on the agenda of the Land and Buildings sub-committee.

**WEIRS TIF DISTRICT**

Current: No update. The next meeting is planned for December.

Previous: Several new dual trash/recycling containers have been installed on Lakeside Avenue in a shared effort between the City and the Weirs Action Committee. The new containers will alleviate past issues with capacity during busy times. The next meeting of the Weirs TIF Advisory Board has been scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT**

Current: The Advisory Board sub-committee met with DES Commissioner on the road map process. The next meeting is with the AG office. The Advisory Board has found two sponsors for a bill to update the replacement fund statute. The Board's members are in discussion with their governing bodies to determine their position on the recommended funding level of the replacement fund, and the years required to meet that funding level. The Advisory Board at their October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting should be able to finalize the amount and time required to fund the replacement fund.

Previous: The decision process to create a municipal waste water authority has begun. The Advisory Group sub-committee met with the attorney and finalized the work plan for the first phase of the process. The Committee and the attorney assisting with the process has scheduled a meeting with NH DES, the first of several meetings with various State Departments to coordinate the decision process and to develop a memorandum of understanding with the State's stakeholders. The Advisory Board will be proposing a legislative change to the WRBP's replacement fund. The change is to ensure the program has sufficient capital reserves to fund emergency capital projects as well as planned capital projects. The Advisory Board's intent is to have this change adopted during the next legislative session.

## **WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION**

Current: An update at an upcoming City Council meeting is being planned for this fall.

Previous: No update. An update at an upcoming City Council meeting is being planned for this fall.

## **LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Current: No update.

Previous: The Planning Board is in the process of appointing their members to the Steering Committee. Once that occurs, meetings will be scheduled.

## **DES WATERSHED ASSISTANCE GRANT**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **LACONIA DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK**

Current: Walgreens/Landmark Inn segment: Busby Construction and sub-contractor Belknap Landscape continue work on the construction of this segment. The westerly half of this segment is substantially complete with plantings, drainage, pavers and site work completed. Construction of the easterly half of this segment will commence when work being done on the Landmark Inn is complete.

City Hall parking lot to Church Street segment: Construction has started on this segment with Busby Construction starting demolition and construction of the new river wall and preparation of concrete bridge abutments for the pedestrian bridge. River wall construction and bridge abutment work is occurring during the river drawdown. Work on this segment is expected to extend well into November.

Previous: Construction has started on the Landmark Inn/Walgreens section. Work on this segment will continue through the fall season. Busby Construction has grubbed out vegetation, performed rough grading and installed some drainage features. The existing small bridge over

the Perley Canal inlet is slated for removal on September 24<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the City Hall to Church Street segment that is slated to start after Columbus Day.

### **BARTLETT BEACH AND BOND BEACH EROSION/DRAINAGE PROJECTS**

Current: Bidding for the implementation of the Bond Beach improvements is anticipated for this fall. Construction is now slated for the early spring before the beach season.

Previous: No update.

### **NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE**

Current: At the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission, it was recommended by the Parks and Facilities Director that the Native American sculpture be taken down for safety reasons and stored until a plan can be formulated for its future. The Parks and Recreation Commission approved the recommendation for safety reasons. The Parks and Recreation Department will formulate a plan to remove and store the sculpture.

Previous: Discussion of the future of the sculpture at Opechee Park occurred at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Concerns about the safety of the sculpture were raised. The Parks and Recreation Department will be formulating a list of options for the statue in the upcoming week.

### **WEIRS COMMUNITY CENTER BATHROOM RENOVATION**

Current: Project is substantially complete with only minor punch list items to be completed. The bathrooms are now open for use.

Previous: Renovation work on the Weirs Community Center bathrooms started just after Labor Day. Work is expected to be completed by the end of the month. Broadview Construction of Gilford is performing the work.

### **MEMORIAL PARK SOFTBALL IRRIGATION**

Current: Gilford Well has been selected as the contractor for the installation of the new irrigation system at the Memorial Park softball field. Installation is slated for this fall with some final work to be completed in early spring.

Previous: An RFP has been advertised and is due on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Installation is slated for this fall.

### **WELCOME TO LACONIA SIGNAGE**

Current: NEOPCO Signs of Concord has been selected to design, fabricate and install a new Welcome to Laconia sign at McIntyre Circle. A new sign is also possible at Court Street if funding allows.

Previous: An RFP for signage design, fabrication and installation has been advertised and is due on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Initial plans are to have a new sign installed at McIntyre Circle near Bayside Cemetery. Depending on available funding, additional welcome signs will be replaced on Court Street, South Main Street and Route 3 at the Meredith town line.

### **PERLEY POND/OPECHEE COVE BRUSH CLEARING**

Current: Clearing of brush and dead trees will occur once the colder weather sets in and access to the pond area is optimal. Some removal of dead trees has occurred at the back of

the pond by DPW crews. Parks and Recreation is awaiting cost proposals for the pruning of the Perley Oak.

Clearing of brush and vegetation along Opechee Cove will start during the drawdown of Lake Opechee in October. Additional brush cutting will occur when the lake is frozen if needed. NHDES regulations only allow brush to be cut no shorter than 3 feet in the shoreland zone of protected water bodies.