



## **LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – January, 2019**

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

Current: Drainage, road and sidewalk construction on Court Street and Union Avenue (Elm to Stark) projects are planned to re-start in April 2019. The design is being finalized for Court Street Phase 2 which will begin construction in 2019. This phase will pick up at Fair Street and head downtown towards the Main Street intersection. Public Works is finalizing a list of streets for the annual road program and is assessing the condition of streets as winter storms continue to impact the condition of the roadway.

Previous: All construction has stopped for the winter. Drainage, road and sidewalk construction on Court Street and Union Avenue (Elm to Stark) are planned to re-start in April 2019. The Court Street Phase 1 area will be completed by the end of June. Union Avenue, from Elm Street to Stark Street, will be under construction for the entire 2019 construction season. The intent is to have Union/Clinton/Elm intersection open to traffic by Memorial Day.

Public Works is finalizing a list of streets for the annual road program for the 2019 construction season. Streets were identified with our pavement management program, and other streets will be added as we assess the impact of winter on the City's streets.

### **MESSER STREET/DUTILE OIL DRAINAGE**

Current: Gas main work is scheduled to occur before the drainage project in spring 2019. Additionally, the Water Department has work to complete in the same area. The final drainage work that will complete the project will start after Water Work's project.

Previous: The next phase of this project is scheduled to begin in July 2019.

### **LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT**

Current: The Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Topics discussed included the Colonial Theater project and its funding, Riverwalk project updates, Downtown parking garage and future Riverwalk opportunities. The Board will meet next on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Previous: Members of the Downtown TIF Advisory Board met with the City Council Land and Buildings Committee on November 26<sup>th</sup> to initiate further discussion on the current status of the Downtown Parking Garage and its future. The Downtown TIF Advisory Board will be meeting next in January.

### **WEIRS TIF DISTRICT**

Current: The next Weirs TIF Advisory Board meeting is slated for May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. At the December meeting, the Weirs TIF Advisory Board voted to recommend to the City Council that TIF funds be used to replace the light bulbs in the Weirs Beach sign with a better quality longer lasting bulb. This recommendation will be presented to the City Council at an upcoming meeting.

Previous: The Weirs TIF Advisory Board met on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Topics of discussion included banner issues, historical interpretive signage on the Boardwalk, Weirs Beach sign light bulb

replacement and the Weirs Beach Restoration project. The Board reviewed the past season's parking kiosk revenue. The Board reviewed and reprioritized the original Weirs TIF District proposed development project listed in the Weirs TIF Development and Financing Plan. The next Weirs TIF Advisory Board meeting is slated for May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### **WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT**

Current: The Advisory Board approved a consultant to analyze if it is possible to meter four communities' sewage flows. The current metering system cannot reliably determine these communities' flows. If it is not possible to meter these communities, the consultant is to propose an alternative method to calculate flow for these communities. This analysis will provide all the necessary information to develop a flow based rate assessment model. Critical City/Town managers and administrators are meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup> to review the status of effort to decide if the communities want to create a regional waste water authority.

Previous: The Advisory Board has prepared a response to the DES Commissioner addressing his concerns. The Board's road map team has begun scheduling the next set of meetings with the State's various stakeholder organizations. DES provided the Board with the current depreciated value of the WRBP's assets. It is approximately \$7.5 million and only \$152,000 is associated with the original construction of the system. The remaining value is the result of recent improvement projects that were funded by the system's rate payers. The effort to convert to a flow based model for funding the Program continues. The Board approved a contract with a consultant to analyze the system in four member communities to determine if it is feasible to meter their system and, if not, to develop an alternative for establishing flows for their system.

### **WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION**

Current: A presentation on the project and its status will take place at the February 11th City Council meeting.

Previous: A presentation on the project is now planned for a City Council meeting in January after the holidays to allow more residents and interested citizens the opportunity to attend.

### **LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Current: The Master Plan Steering Committee has been discussing proposals from staff concerning the consolidation of downtown zones and accompanying zoning regulations. Wording for reworking the RR2 zone is also being discussed along with input from the Conservation Commission.

Previous: The Master Plan Steering Committee has started meeting again. Using the recommendations from the recent Master Plan update, the Committee has prioritized two items to start working on: The consolidation of Downtown zones and the RR1/RR2 zones definitions and regulations. Staff has worked on preliminary recommendations for the Committee. The next meeting will be scheduled for early January.

### **LACONIA DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK**

Current: Construction has shut down for the season due to the weather conditions. Remaining work on the Walgreens/Landmark Inn and the City Hall parking lot to Church Street segments will be completed in the spring.

Previous: The Walgreens/Landmark Inn segment will be completed in the spring. The easterly half of this segment is complete.

The City Hall parking lot to Church Street segment will be completed in the spring. A steel truss pedestrian bridge was installed over the Perley Canal inlet on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Construction has shut down for the season due to the weather conditions.

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

Current: The project will be advertised for bids in January.

Previous: The Shoreland Permit application has been submitted to NHDES for the Bond Beach project. The project will be advertised for bids in January.

### **NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE**

Current: An update on the initiative to restore the sculpture will occur at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Previous: No update. The Parks and Recreation Commission has asked for an update by mid-January on an initiative by Peter Brunette.

### **MEMORIAL PARK SOFTBALL IRRIGATION**

Current: Installation of the irrigation system will occur in the spring when weather permits.

Previous: No update.

### **WELCOME TO LACONIA SIGNAGE**

Current: NEOPCO Signs has provided several design and material options for City welcome signage. Parks and Recreation is awaiting feedback on any available funding and preferred design. Two of the old signs have been removed due to their poor condition.

Previous: The selected sign contractor has been asked to provide further pricing and design options including a sandblasted wood grain effect style. The City is awaiting a design proof for review.

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

Current: Brush clearing has occurred at Opechee Cove and Perley Pond. There will be a meeting of the Land and Buildings Sub-Committee of the City Council on January 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss clearing of brush and maintenance of Perley Pond.

Previous: No update.