



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – July, 2019

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2019

Current: Busby Construction Co. has completed the sidewalks on **Court Street Phase 1** and will be completing the restoration work within the next few weeks. Work on **Court Street Phase 2** has begun. Busby is presently working on replacing the sewer mains. Phase 2 is from Fair Street to Main Street and includes sewer, stormwater and sidewalk and roadway reconstruction. Comcast will complete their underground work in conjunction with the road and drain construction on Court and Union.

Liberty Utilities is scheduled to begin work to relay its gas main under the **Durkee Brook Bridge** in August. Liberty Utilities will be using the center turn lane to construct their new gas line. Public Works is working with Liberty Utilities and their contractor to determine the length of turn lane necessary to construct the line. Public Works will then work with the businesses and residents on Court Street on the routes to get to their driveways.

Busby Construction Co. will continue the installation of the new sewer and stormwater pipes in **Union Avenue** (Elm St. to Stark St.) once Liberty Utilities completes relaying approximately 500 ft. of gas main in the Chestnut Street area.

Paving Lexington from No. Main Street to Primrose Street was completed. Shim paving on Union Ave from Main Street to Winter Street is also complete. The surface overlay on S. Main Street is scheduled for late July/early August.

Previous: Busby Construction Co. has installed the granite curb in **Court Street Phase 1** and continues to work on sidewalk reconstruction. **Court Street Phase 2** will begin in early July. Phase 2 is from Fair Street to Main Street and includes sewer, stormwater and sidewalk and roadway reconstruction. We are working with Comcast to have them complete their work in conjunction with paving operations on Court and Union.

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Busby Construction Co. continues installation of the new sewer stormwater pipes in **Union Avenue** (Elm St. to Stark St.). Liberty Utilities will be relaying approximately 500-ft of gas main in the Chestnut Street area which will allow Busby Construction to continue stormwater pipe installation.

Public Works is working with Busby Construction to shim Lexington from No. Main Street to Primrose Street. The remainder of the annual road program will occur after July 1st.

ADA IMPROVEMENTS AT FOUR INTERSECTIONS

Current: Public Works is working with Busby Construction to layout the design and finalize costs.

Previous: The hardscape design has been completed and given to Busby Construction Co. for review. Public Works is working with the contractor to schedule this work around the July 4th holiday when they are not working on the Union/Court Street projects due to traffic.

MESSER STREET/DUTILE OIL DRAINAGE

Current: Water main installation was completed on Messer Street with the exception of one final tie-in which is waiting on completion of the drainage system. Busby Construction began working on the new drainage. The project, including road reconstruction, will be completed in mid-August.

Previous: The Water Department continues to install water main on Messer Street between Bisson Avenue and Union Avenue. Stormwater drainage work will begin in early July. The project, including road reconstruction, will be completed in August.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update. There is a Downtown TIF District Advisory Board meeting scheduled for July 16, 2019.

Previous: No update. There will be no meetings until further notice.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update. There will be no meetings until further notice.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The Advisory Board's attorney is expecting to receive the letter of agreement from the Attorney General's office the week of July 15th on cooperating with the municipalities' efforts to obtain a final decision on creating a separate waste water authority. The Board's subcommittee met with the consultant working on the flow meter study for the four communities and have reoriented their efforts to ensure that they first determine if flow meters will have a significant impact on the accuracy of the total flow from the four communities

Previous: The consultant's first report will be presented to the Advisory Board on June 20th. The Board, based on that report, will determine if we should continue pursuing flow meters for the four communities or pursue another method to determine flow. The Board's attorney is in the final process of obtaining signatures from the State's stakeholders on their support to the Board's due diligence study.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: The City Council has adopted the Urban Commercial (UC) Zone which encompasses all of the traditional downtown area and much of the previously existing commercial areas along Court Street and Union Avenue. The Council has also adopted the Performance Zoning concept which will be an overlay on the UC zone and the area including and surrounding the former State School property. The Planning Board is recommending a number of minor "housekeeping" type amendments to the Zoning Ordinance resulting from the adoption of the UC zone.

Previous: The City Council is in the process of discussing and considering the proposed Urban Commercial (UC) consolidated district. At the June 4 Planning Board meeting, a third public hearing on the proposed Performance Zoning overlay was conducted, after which the Board voted to recommend the proposal to the City Council. The Board also discussed a number of minor “housekeeping” type amendments to the Zoning Ordinance resulting from the UC zone.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK

Current: Fence installation began in July on the Riverwalk between the City Hall parking lot and Church Street. Work to complete the Riverwalk behind the new Best Western, along Rowe Court, is scheduled to be completed in July.

Previous: The fence on the section of the Riverwalk north of City Hall will be complete by the end of the month. Our consultant is coordinating with the hotel owner to determine their plans for finishing the north side of the hotel. We want to have them complete their work before finishing that section to prevent damage to the new section of the walk.

BARTLETT BEACH AND BOND BEACH EROSION/DRAINAGE PROJECTS

Current: No updates. We are still waiting for the end of the beach season to work on this project. Raymond’s Landscaping has confirmed that the project will be ready to go after Labor Day.

Previous: Raymond’s Landscaping LLC. has been awarded the project with the changes made to the original bid. We have removed the new parking lot, tree removal & sign removal from the project. We have added paving of the area near the attendant shack to prevent people from driving on the grass. Work will be done after the beach season.

NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE

Current: Public Works took the statue down on July 1st without incident. Unfortunately, and as we suspected, the wood was completely rotted and there were no parts of the statue that were reusable. The new statue is on hold at the moment. The Winnepesaukee Muskrats are looking at pricing for the 3D printing. Once a company is selected, it will take about seven weeks to complete.

Previous: Public Works is still waiting for a five-day stretch of dry weather to protect the field at Opechee.

MEMORIAL PARK SOFTBALL IRRIGATION

Current: Both Memorial Park Softball Field and Wyatt Park irrigation projects are complete.

Previous: Work at Memorial Softball Field started on June 11th and should be completed within two weeks. The Wyatt Park irrigation project will start immediately after work at Memorial Field is complete.

WELCOME TO LACONIA SIGNAGE

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

PERLEY POND PROJECT

Current: The City is going out to bid for the services of a qualified arborist for the oak tree. The City Manager is taking into consideration a scope of services from Rist Frost Shumway and has

received clarification in regards to wetland permitting versus shoreland permitting. We will need a wetland permit to work in or around any water. The knotweed on the right of the park has been removed from our property.

Previous: Laconia Parks & Rec department is working with NH Forest and Lands to find an appropriate arborist to trim dead branches from the oak tree. They will need to follow the State arborist's recommendations for trimming. City Manager Myers met with Councilor Cheney, Mr. Gauthier, P&R Foreman Tim Ford and Rist Frost Shumway's Landscape Architect Joanne Coppinger at the site. They discussed the details of what is proposed. Foreman Ford has been asked to remove the bittersweet from the property near the road. Ms. Coppinger is planning to put a case together to present to NH DES for a wetland permit to dredge and remove the plant life along the water's edge. Once this process is complete we will know what our next steps will be.