



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – November, 2019

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2019

Current:

Overview:

Union Ave project from Elm to Stark - Work on a new drainage outlet will begin in December 2019. The work will be off the road and will have minimal impact to traffic. Work on Union Avenue from Walnut to Stark Street is scheduled to resume in 2020 once NH DOT has completed its work at the Endicott Street railroad bridge and the detour to Union Avenue is lifted. This will be sometime in mid-May 2020.

Court Street from Keasor to Main Street will be complete this year except for the final surface which will be placed in 2020. The **Court Street bridge** replacement project is scheduled for 2020.

Project Status:

Traffic signal changes were implemented at the **Union/Elm/Clinton intersection**. New signal phasing allows vehicle movement on Clinton Street and Elm Street at the same time. Traffic signal pre-emption for emergency vehicles and the railroad, as well as new countdown pedestrian signals, have been completed in the intersection.

Busby has completed the first course of pavement on **Court Street Phase 2**. They are completing curbing, sidewalks, crosswalk ramps, traffic signal upgrades for accessibility and restoration. Project completion is expected by the end of November. Court Street phase 2 will be striped without the turn lane for the winter. After the surface pavement is placed on the road in the spring the road will be striped with the turn lane. The traffic signal upgrade to implement the flashing yellow turn arrows will be completed in December.

Liberty Utilities has completed their work to relay its gas main under the **Durkee Brook Bridge**. They are completing installation of two new gas services this month. Final pavement restoration is scheduled for spring 2020.

Previous:

Overview:

Union Ave project from Elm to Stark will be finished from Elm Street to Walnut Street this year. The section from Walnut to Stark will be finished in 2020.

Court Street from Keasor to Main Street will be complete this year except for the final surface which will be placed in 2020. The Court Street bridge replacement project is scheduled for 2020. Due to the age of the bridge, NHDOT and the consultant are working with NH Division of Historical Resources to obtain their release to be able to bid and award the project. Current plans are to bid the project this year with a construction date after Labor Day in 2020.

Project Status:

Busby has completed underground utility work on **Court Street Phase 2**. The Union/Main/Court intersection has been paved and the remainder of the paving is scheduled for November 1. Busby will be working on raising structures, curbing, sidewalks, crosswalk ramps,

traffic signal upgrades and restoration for the next month. Project completion is expected by the end of November.

Liberty Utilities is completing their work to relay its gas main under the **Durkee Brook Bridge**. All work associated with the new gas main is scheduled to be complete by October 31.

Busby Construction Co. has completed all utility work on the **Union Avenue** (Elm St. to Stark St.) project up to Walnut Street. Binder paving was completed this month. Curbing, guardrail, sidewalks, traffic signal upgrades and crosswalk ramps will be complete by the end of October. Final paving of the Elm/Clinton intersection is scheduled for the last week of October. Work north of Walnut Street to Stark Street will resume in 2020.

Final paving was completed on Messer Street and Leewood and Bell Hill Drive this month. Lenny Lane paving may be delayed to 2020 depending on weather.

The sidewalk bump out and crosswalk on Beacon Street West is scheduled to be completed in the next 4-6 weeks. The Grant Street sidewalk, from Garfield to Lincoln, is scheduled to be completed in the next 4-6 weeks.

ADA IMPROVEMENTS AT FOUR INTERSECTIONS

Current: Due to weather constraints, the work in the Main and Church Street intersection has been delayed to 2020.

Previous: Public Works and Busby Construction will begin improvements in the Main and Church Street intersection in late October, early November.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: Due to scheduling conflicts the consultant will be briefing the Advisory Board in December. The consultant's recommendation is to develop a hybrid solution for metering the flow from the four communities as it is not cost effective to meter these communities to develop a flow-based model for them. The Board will be working with the WRBP staff and the consultants to develop a hybrid model that will use the number of serviced properties to develop a reasonable estimate for flow from the communities. Since these communities are only 8% of the total flow going to the plant, it should not have a major impact on the cost distribution among the member communities.

Previous: The consultants working on a recommendation on improving flow metering in the four communities will have the updated report to the Board's work group on Oct. 25th and plans to brief the Advisory Board on Nov. 21st. The workgroup is coordinating schedules to meet with the various points of contact in the State agencies to begin discussing the procedures for performing the due diligence phase of the effort to create a Municipal Wastewater Authority.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: No update. The Committee has not met.

Previous: The Master Plan Steering Committee met on Sept. 24 to discuss the next steps in continuing to implement the recommendations of the 2018 Master Plan. The panel talked about considering a smaller minimum lot size requirement in the RS zone, to consider expanding the areas covered by Performance Zoning and to redefine the requirements and setbacks in the RR2 zone.

BARTLETT BEACH AND BOND BEACH EROSION/DRAINAGE PROJECTS

Current: A portion of the Bond Beach project has been completed. The contractor was able to get the parking lot drainage done as well as the line across the access road and some of the Coir Logs nearer the beach area. The rest of the project will be finished in the spring.

The engineering company has submitted a change in the design to the NHDES for approval. This would be a change for the wetland permit.

The Bartlett Beach project will hopefully happen this spring. The wetland permit is about to be submitted and once that process is complete we can go out to bid for the project.

Previous: The City is still waiting for a wetlands permit from NHDES that needs to be submitted by Loureiro Engineering. Construction cannot start until Spring of 2020.

The original plan for Bond Beach was to have the work begin in mid-September. However, the design needed altering to allow for ADA compliance. Parks and Recreation just received the revised design from the engineering firm. The firm will send in the revision to NHDES for the permit. This is usually a quick process according to the firm. The contracted company doing the project is planning to install the drainage at the top of the parking lot starting the week of October 28th. They will finish the job in the Spring after the ground thaws. This will give us enough time to get the permits needed from NHDES.

Our Department installed the majority of a new water line to the bath house this Fall and we are waiting for the drainage to be completed before finishing our installation. The water line will be placed above the drainage as it is a seasonal line and is winterized.

NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE

Current: According to the Winnepesaukee Muskrats, the statue will be up and they plan to unveil it on July 3rd. They are still looking for donations as the cost is more than double the original quote.

Previous: No update.

WELCOME TO LACONIA SIGNAGE

Current: The first "Welcome to Laconia" sign has now been installed. The other signs are in the process of being installed.

Previous: No update.

PERLEY POND PROJECT

Current: The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Wetlands Bureau Permit Application for the initial project has been submitted.

Previous: The Perley oak was pruned on September 23rd by Donovan Tree Services. They did a great job and the tree looks much healthier. We have a date of May 5, 2020 for Donovan to inject the tree with insect repellent for even better health.

A topography study was done of the area and given to RFS Engineering.

The Laconia Parks and Recreation maintenance crew cut back the tall grass around the pond as close as they could on October 11th. The area will be maintained in this way in all future mowings.