



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – May, 2022

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2022

Current: Final paving has been completed on Union Ave (Stark to Lake), Crescent Street (Highland to Champagne), Beech Street and Mile Hill (from the Route 3 Bypass to the City boundary). The replacement of a failed section of drainage on Weirs Blvd is complete. Spot paving on Weirs Blvd is scheduled to occur before Motorcycle Week. **Franklin Street Phase 2** construction is scheduled to begin in June with replacement of the stormwater system followed by replacement of the water main. Once the storm drains and water mains are replaced, the street and sidewalks will be reconstructed and paved.

Previous: Road work began with the contractor placing the shim asphalt course on Union Ave (Stark to Lake), Crescent Street (Highland to Champagne), Beech Street and Mile Hill (from the Route 3 Bypass to the City boundary). The contractor is performing other work on these streets before placing the final course of asphalt. The Department of Public Works is reviewing its plan to determine how to adjust it based on the impact of the spring thaw. The final list of streets to be paved in 2022 will be based on these assessments, and the final FY 2023 budget.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: Currently working on an amendment to the proposed activities within the TIF will finalize at the next TIF meeting on May 24th @ 8:30. Also working with Public Works and Parks on Riverwalk delineation and mural options.

Previous: The Board is in the process of scheduling a site walk with Public Works to discuss options for expansion of the Riverwalk. The next meeting is scheduled for May 24th at 8:30 am.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: No new updates.

Previous: No new updates.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: DES and the WRBP are in the final stages of implementing the first adjustment to the operation and maintenance rate allocation model which takes effect on July 1st. This is the first of three adjustments to phase in the new rate allocation model that is based on each member's actual sewage flows to the treatment plant.

Previous: The House approved the WRBP replacement fund bill and it was sent to the Senate. The Senate Finance committee met on April 12th and recommended that the bill ought to pass.

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Current: Park Construction continues work on the **Elm Street Sewer project**. The crews will be working on side streets and then complete the work on Elm Street at the end of the school

year. Project completion is expected in August. The **Northern Lakeport Area Sewer** project (North St, Sheridan St, School St and Belvidere St) is slated to begin construction this year.

Previous: Work on the **Elm Street Sewer project** resumed this month. Park Construction will continue work on Elm Street until May and will then move to the side streets. Project completion is expected in August. The **Northern Lakeport Area Sewer** project (North St, Sheridan St, School St and Belvidere St) is slated to begin construction this year.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: The project hit a stalemate with the State looking to require a water garden element to be constructed and used as an educational opportunity on filtering storm water as part of the mitigation for the beach restoration. The City's position is that during the reconstruction of Lakeside Avenue, we made significant improvements to drainage and identified/corrected illicit sewer connections which greatly improved the quality of water entering the lake. During the Covid period, this project fell off to the side. Staff will refocus on moving this project ahead.

Previous: No update.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: The Master Plan Steering Committee has proposed an update to the Table of Dimensional Standards which was presented to the Planning Board on May 3rd. The Planning Board has scheduled the update for a Public Hearing for June 7th.

Previous: The Master Plan Steering Committee met on April 19, 2022 and continued discussions on revisions to the Table of Dimensional Requirements. Consensus was that the proposed revisions should be presented to the Planning Board to start their review process. Also discussed was needed updates to definitions in the Zoning Ordinance

NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE

Current: No update.

Previous: Rist, Frost, Shumway has been tasked with preparing the base (pedestal) for the statue. They are determining if they can use the existing base or if it needs to be changed. They City and the manufacturer have given specific instructions as to what is needed for this base and RFS is currently working on the project.

DOWNTOWN TREE PROJECT

Current: The trees have been removed by DPW. Site work has been ongoing as well as concrete work to open and close the beds as needed. One proposed bed has utilities under it. This area is going to be a large project as the utility company will be working in there for the next few weeks. We have decided to cover that bed (originally it was going to have a tree) and place 2 shrubs on the corner of Pleasant and Main. We are also removing the sidewalk in front of Henry's Dry Cleaners and replacing it to make that area flat. The trees will be planted in the first couple of weeks of June.