



## LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – June, 2022

### **LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2022**

Current: Paving on **Weirs Blvd.** is complete. Stormwater system replacement work for **Franklin Street Phase 2** began this month and will be followed by the watermain. Once the storm drains and watermain work is complete, the street and sidewalks will be reconstructed and paved. Final paving on **Mechanic, Clinton, Cole, Prospect, Hill and Pear** will begin in July. Paving on **Addison and Durkee Streets** will be in July or August depending on the paver's schedule.

Previous: 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.

### **LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT**

Current: The Laconia Downtown TIF District Advisory Board is finalizing their proposed activities list for presentation to the City Council. Next meeting is on June 28<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am.

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

### **WEIRS TIF DISTRICT**

Current: No update.

Previous: No new updates.

### **WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT**

Current: The replacement fund legislation is at the Governor's office and is waiting on his signature. Clean water revolving loan funds for a generator replacement project and a SCADA upgrade project have been approved. The WRBP system is aging and significant repair work is being planned for the next 10 years. WRBP Administrator is estimating that the program's debt service will go from \$620,000 to \$1.2 million in FY 2026. The City's share of the debt service will go from \$252,000 to \$523,000. Public Works is studying the impact of these projected costs on the City's sewer rates.

Previous: 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

## **SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM**

Current: Park Construction continues work on the Elm Street Sewer project. Their crews are working on side streets and will complete the work on Elm Street in July. Project completion is 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: 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.

## **WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION**

Current: No update.

Previous: 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.

## **LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Current: A public hearing was held by the Planning Board on June 7 on the proposed changes to the Table of Dimensional Standards. The Planning Board referred the proposal back to the Master Plan Steering Committee to review ideas on how to control the allowed heights of buildings in various commercial zones. The next meeting of the Master Plan Steering Committee is scheduled for June 23.

Previous: 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 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **DOWNTOWN TREE PROJECT**

Current: All trees have been planted in the downtown area. There are still some areas on the Pleasant Street side that need concrete, and this should be completed by Monday, June 20th according to Belknap Landscaping.

Previous: 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.