



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – July, 2022

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2022

Current: The replacement of the stormwater system in **Franklin Street Phase 2** was completed this month. The Water Department is working on replacing their water main. Once the water main work is complete, the street and sidewalks will be reconstructed and paved. Prep for final paving on **Mechanic, Clinton, Cole, Prospect, Hill and Pear** has begun. Paving on **Addison and Durkee** Streets will be in August depending on the paver's schedule. The stormwater system replacement work starts this month on **Massachusetts Avenue and Jefferson Street**. Once the storm drain work is complete the roadway and sidewalks will be paved.

Previous: 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.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: The Laconia Downtown TIF District Advisory Board had a meeting with Chief Canfield and discussed the possibility of additional cameras downtown. Next meeting is on August 29th @ 8:30 am.

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

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The Governor signed the replacement fund legislation on June 16, 2022.

Previous: 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.

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Current: Park Construction started replacing the sewer pipes in front of the Elm Street School. Paving on Elm Street and the side streets will be completed once the sewer work is done. 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. 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.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: The Master Plan Steering Committee met on June 23 and once again discussed the Table of Dimensional Requirements, specifically the 60 foot maximum height specified for some zoning districts. The Planning Board had recommended to the Committee that perhaps some type of formula could be created so that height would be controlled by other building dimensions. The Committee also asked if a list of heights could be created of the obviously taller buildings in the City. The Committee will be taking the rest of the summer off and resuming in the fall.

Previous: 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.

NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE

Current: The project sponsor (Mike Smith) has been communicating with the 3D printing company in Texas. The latest news is that they plan to ship the statue "as is" (half assembled and half in pieces) with a video of how to complete the assembly. They will need to paint the statue as well, once assembled. Engineers have been hired to design a pedestal for the statue once completed.

Previous: No update.

DOWNTOWN TREE PROJECT

Current: Project complete. The Parks and Rec Department will keep watering the trees multiple times per week and Belknap Landscaping will continue to monitor them weekly. One tree looks in poor shape, but it will regrow the leaves and should be fine, according to Belknap. DPW does plan to cover the open tree beds on the Pleasant Street side that we opened during this project. They will cover them with cold patch, which will make snow removal easier, but will still be easy to remove when the time comes to plant the trees in Phase 2.

Previous: 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.