



## **LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – August, 2022**

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

Current: The Water Department has completed water main replacement in **Franklin Street**

**Phase 2.** Roadway and sidewalk reconstruction is scheduled to begin in the next several weeks. Final paving was completed on **Mechanic, Clinton, Cole, Prospect, Hill and Pear**. Paving on **Addison and Durkee Streets** will be in September depending on the paver's schedule. The stormwater system replacement was completed this month on **Jefferson Street** and is about 75% complete on **Massachusetts Avenue**. Once the storm drain work is complete the roadway and sidewalks will be paved.

Previous: 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.

### **LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT**

Current: No new updates.

Previous: 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 29<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 am.

### **LACONIA LAKEPORT TIF DISTRICT**

Current: The Lakeport TIF has had its first and second meetings. The WOW Trail presented its Phase II update to the Board. Presently, the Board has tabled voting on the WOW Trail and would like to develop a "Master Plan" for the Lakeport TIF prior to moving forward on any projects.

### **WEIRS TIF DISTRICT**

Current: The Board met on August 10<sup>th</sup> and voted on updating proposed activities within the Weirs TIF. The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2023.

Previous: No update.

### **WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT**

Current: The first quarterly operations and maintenance bill from the WRBP under the new rate assessment model will be for the months of July through September. The Advisory Board's consultant has begun work on developing the standard operating procedure for updating the model in the future. The Advisory Board is finalizing the approval of the WRBP's 10-year capital

improvement plan. The City's share of the WRBP 's debt service will increase from \$253,000 to \$532,000 in FY 2026. The wastewater treatment plant is 50 years old and major rehabilitation projects are necessary to maintain the various components of the plant.

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

### **SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM**

Current: Park Construction completed sewer pipe replacement in the **Elm Street Area project**. All sewer service and mainline trench paving will be completed in September. Final paving for the section between Mass Ave and Hickory Stick will be done in the spring to provide time for the trench to settle. 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 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.

### **WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

### **LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Current: No update.

Previous: 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.

### **NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE**

Current: The half-assembled statue with all the other pieces is now being shipped to Laconia. The statue will be stored behind the fire station in a parking space. Engineers are working on the assembly process.

Previous: 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.

### **DOWNTOWN TREE PROJECT**

Current: The Parks & Recreation Department has been asked by the Belknap Landscaping arborist to stop watering the trees to give the soil a chance to dry up a bit. They will reach out when they wish for the department to start watering again.

Previous: 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.