



## **LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – March, 2023**

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

Current: The contract for the road program was awarded. Busby Construction was the lowest responsible bidder. The asphalt plants in the Lakes Region are scheduled to open in late April. The Weirs Blvd water main replacement project started on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The contractor is presently installing the temporary water main. The goal is to have the water main installed the week of May 22d.

Previous: The due date for the bids for the CY2023 Road Program was changed to February 22<sup>nd</sup> due to questions from prospective bidders. The contract will be awarded the week of February 27<sup>th</sup>. Roads scheduled for this construction season are: Summer St, Paugus St, Elm St (Hickory Stick to Rt 106), Daisy Gardner Rd (Meredith Center to Leighton), and Eastman Rd (Meredith Center to End). The preconstruction meeting on the Public Works managed Weirs Blvd water main replacement project is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The replacement project will occur this spring.

### **ACADEMY STREET BRIDGE**

Current: The project is now being funded with federal dollars. The consultant has begun the effort to obtain the necessary temporary construction easements per federal regulations. This has delayed the start of the construction project to the summer of 2024.

### **CENTENARY AVENUE BRIDGE**

Current: NH DOT has approved the selection of the consultant to design the project.

### **ELM STREET TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROJECT**

Current: The project agreement with NH DOT will be submitted for Council approval in April 2023.

### **LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

### **LACONIA LAKEPORT TIF DISTRICT**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

### **WEIRS TIF DISTRICT**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT**

Current: The Governor's proposed 10% pay raise for state employees will impact the WRBP's budget. The City's share of the estimated cost increase for FY 2024 is \$93,000. The Advisory Board's consultant completed the draft improvements to the rate model. The Advisory Board will be reviewing the model at its April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Previous: The Governor as part of his budget submission proposed a 10% pay raise for state employees. The WRBP Administrator is working with DES' Finance Office to determine the impact on its budget and whether it will have to raise rates above what they predicted in Sept 2022. The WRBP Advisory Board's consultant is in the final stages of completing the improvements to the rate model that will be used in the future to determine member communities share of the Program's operation and maintenance costs. The Board is working on a proposal to submit to NHDES on the notice the municipalities require before any significant rate increase is implemented.

## **SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM**

Current: This year's sewer replacement project on Belvidere, North and Sheridan is scheduled to begin in early May.

Previous: City Council approved the Sanitary Sewer Fund (SSF) rate increase for the next 10 years. The projected revenue should be enough to cover all O&M costs to meet DES and EPA standards/permits. The SSF has 3 staff; a Collections System Coordinator (manager) and two Operators. As of now, we have 2 positions open (Coordinator and Operator). The DPW Asst. Dir. will be filling in significantly for the Coordinator.

## **WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION**

Current: The City Manager and the Parks Department are working together to move forward on this project. The Director of Recreation & Facilities is reaching out to the Army Corps of Engineers to verify whether or not they will be dredging the Weirs Channel and if so, when. Once that information is obtained, we will have a better timeline for this project. We currently have roughly \$340,000 for the project set aside. This was money earmarked for this project many years ago, but with inflation it is probably not near to the current costs.

Previous: No update.

## **LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.