



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – JANUARY, 2024

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2023

Current: The plan for spring work includes Old Prescott Hill Road (town line to new pavement at its north end – plans underway), Woodvale Drive (Wentworth Cove to Endicott East - shim/overlay), Wentworth Cove Rd (Summit to Woodvale reclaim/pave), and Pendleton Road (Endicott East to End - shim/overlay).

The roads planned for after July 1st are Old North Main St (The southern intersection with N. Main to Village - mill/overlay), Daisy Gardner (shim/overlay), and Whipple Ave (sidewalks).

Capital projects which will be funded by the transportation bond are Appleton St (reconstruction/drainage), Old North Main St (Parade Rd to Village Ct.- reconstruction), Church Street Bridge (joint replacement) and Manchester St (replacement of box culvert).

Communication Plan: Public Works will hold public information meetings during the design process for the neighborhoods impacted by the reconstruction projects. Residents will be notified by mail when the paving schedule is finalized for each road and door hangers will be placed on each property a minimum of 2 days before the date of paving for those roads that are only being overlayed. The paving schedule will be provided to emergency services and the solid waste collection contractor.

Previous: All road projects have been completed. The contractor is working on those punch list items that can be done during the winter. The remainder will be completed in the spring. Public Works has begun the effort to award those projects that will be funded by the \$2 million bond that was recently approved by the City Council. Two of the projects that will be funded by the bond are the reconstruction of Appleton Street and Old North Main Street from Marshall Court to its north intersection with Parade Road. Engineers have been selected for both projects and engineering has begun. The initial plan is to reconstruct the roads in the fall of 2024. The Appleton Street project may occur in the spring of 2025 as a new drainage pipe will have to go under NH DOT's railroad tracks which may cause a delay due to obtaining the necessary permits. Public Works met with Laconia Water Works to coordinate the plans for the next construction season as Laconia Water Works has old pipe under some of the planned streets.

ACADEMY STREET BRIDGE

Current: Two of the four easements needed for the project have been obtained. The other two should be obtained shortly. NHDOT is working with the Division of Historical Resources and DES to Finalize the National Environmental Protection act (NEPA) documentation. The project is scheduled to go out to bid in Mid-March. The bridge will be completely closed for construction from June 24th to August 30th. Students return to school on September 3rd.

Communication Plan: Once NHDOT has approved award of the project. Public Works will hold a public information meeting on the construction schedule and will coordinate with emergency services.

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Previous: The City began making the offers to the adjacent property owners to obtain the necessary temporary and permanent rights of way necessary for the project.

CENTENARY AVENUE BRIDGE

Current: HEB is currently working on various alternatives for the bridge. HEB will submit alternatives to the City for review and comment in mid-March 2024 and the team will hold a public information meeting for the neighborhood's residents in May or June when the summer residents are back.

Communication Plan: The next meeting will occur in approximately two months. At this meeting Public Works and the consultant will present the results of the charrette and an initial analysis of those results. At a later meeting Public Works and the consultant will present an analysis of the options with some preliminary engineering to the public.

Previous: HEB is currently working on various engineered alternatives. This will take several months. HEB plan is to alternatives presented to the City in mid-March 2024. and the neighborhood in May or June when the summer residents are back.

MILL STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Current: No change. The City is still waiting for approval of the Federal budget.

Communication Plan: A communication plan will be developed once the Federal project agreement is finalized.

Previous: No change. The City is still waiting on approval of the Federal budget.

WEIRS BLVD / US ROUTE 3 BRIDGE

Current: Hoyle Tanner and DPW will present the proposed alternatives for the bridge to the public at an information meeting on February 15th at 6 pm.

Communication Plan: There were approximately 15 residents in attendance at the September 13th meeting. The next public information meeting is scheduled for February 15th.

Previous: Hoyle Tanner Engineers is still in the process of finalizing the comments and report from the September 13th public information meeting.

ELM STREET TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROJECT

Current: NHDOT's contribution to the drainage and paving elements of the project will be negligible. The City will need to bond the drainage on the project. HEB is evaluating the scope of work, and the cost of drainage and road reconstruction from Franklin to Hickory Stick. The intention is for work to be included as part of the TAP project so the contractor can perform all the work at the same time. The next public outreach meeting will be held in February or March of this year.

Communication Plan: The initial public information meeting for the project was held in July of 2022 to obtain resident feedback on the general concept for the project. Public Works and the consultants will develop a public information plan for the project.

Previous: NHDOT, HEB and DPW are meeting on site to walk the proposed engineering alternative. The 8' multiuse trail will be on the West side of the street. There will be very little

impact to the East side of Elm Street. The main focus for the next 6-8 weeks, is to determine if the TAP program will cover any of the drainage relocation costs or if the City must pay for all of the drainage work.

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 budget meeting with NH DES' Water Division Director is scheduled for January 22 at 2 pm.

Previous: NH DES at the January Board meeting will update members on their plans to include the cost of deferred maintenance into their long range funding planning system.

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Current: Briarcrest's pavement plan for 2024 may include Wellington Drive. If the Association is paving the road, the City may replace the force main prior to their project. The force main replacement project will cost just over \$400,000. A 220' section of sewer main that goes from RT106 to Bell Hill Road and traverses a swamp has failed. Engineering has been completed and the permit submitted to DES. Pending permit approval, Busby Construction is planning on beginning the work the last week of January or first week of February. The project will take approximately three weeks to complete.

Communication Plan: Property owners impacted by the pipe replacement project in the wetlands area will be contacted to ensure they know the schedule and to minimize any disruptions to the neighborhood.

Previous: The cross-country sewer pipe that is just north of Lexington Road and runs from Rt 106 /Parade Road goes through the wetland area to Leewood Drive has separated and ground water from the wetland area is entering the pipe. It was discovered in our routine cleaning/camera program. This design and permits for the projects have been completed and obtained. The project will be done this winter to minimize damage to the wetlands and it will take about 3 weeks to complete. Sewage will be pumped past the project site during the project.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: No update.

Area Impacted: Weirs Beach

Communication Plan: This project will be done in the off season to keep the impacts low. The local newspaper will be notified, as well as the newspapers in northern Massachusetts. This will help spread the word to those who use the area the most.

Previous: An email has been sent to NHDES to set up a meeting with the City Manager and Parks Director to discuss possible options for this project with the least amount of impacts.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: No update.

Previous: The Master Plan Committee needs to be appointed to begin review of the Master Plan to determine which, if any, chapters are in need of updating.

NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE

Current: No update.

Area Impacted: The most impacted area will be the track, field and parking lot at Opechee Park. There may be a slight disturbance on North Main Street when the statue arrives, but that will be brief.

Communication Plan: There will be a large press release and coverage by many for this project. It has been years in the making and we will want to make a big splash. Newspapers, new channels and Laconia Links will all be notified of this event.

Previous: The engineers are now concerned about the statue being brittle in the cold weather and will be testing it in the coming weeks. They are thinking they will be ready to install the statue this spring. That is not a guarantee though.

LACONIA STATE SCHOOL UPDATE

Current: City Manager will provide information at the January 22, 2024 Council meeting.