



## **LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – May 2017**

### **LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2017**

Current: Liberty Utilities has completed their work on Adams Street. That completes all required utility work for Adams Street. Design has begun to determine any corrections necessary to correct drainage issues that exist. The design for Winter Street is in progress. To correct drainage issues in the road, the surface will have to be lowered 6 to 9 inches. This is a time sensitive project as it must be completed before school starts. All other projects have been reviewed by the utility companies and they do not have to do any work on the remaining roads programmed for this calendar year.

Previous: The Water Department and the utility companies are working on their systems in the streets that are scheduled for projects this construction year. All of their work will be completed prior to the City's scheduled work. During the Water Department's water line work in North Main Street, DPW and Busby will inspect the street to finalize the plans and cost for the surface improvements scheduled for the fall. Liberty Utilities is working with the homeowners on Village and Marshall Court on expanding their systems into those streets this summer. They believe the residents on these streets will participate in the expansion project. If so, they will do the work this summer and patch the streets. We are analyzing current Lakeside construction costs to determine if there are any additional impacts to the CY 2017 construction plan.

### **MESSER STREET/DUTILE OIL DRAINAGE**

Current: NH DOT has approved the RR crossing agreement. We are obtaining the signatures for the agreement. We received notice that the Wetlands Permit application is complete and is under technical review by DES staff. NH Division of Historic Resources has reviewed the project and concurred that there is no impact. We are still looking at options for repairing or replacing the existing drainage pipe that goes under the tracks behind Dutile & Sons Oil.

Previous: The design has been completed and a NH DES wetlands permit application has been submitted. We also need to file a NH DES Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act permit application. Loureiro Engineering has been working with directional drilling companies regarding approaches for repairing the existing storm sewer RxR crossing behind Dutile Oil. We have not heard back from NH DOT Rail & Transit regarding crossing agreements.

### **LAKESIDE AVENUE**

Current: All utility poles have been removed. The base course of pavement has been laid (wearing course will be placed in the early fall). Parking spaces have been striped and numbered. The double yellow centerline has been painted as has the green line marking the outside edge of Motorcycle Week travel lanes. Parking kiosks have been shipped and should arrive by May 23. Lamp posts are being set. Railings at the retaining walls and back edge of sidewalk have been set. Placement of the concrete sidewalks and brick accent is the current priority. There will likely be some minor tasks to complete after Memorial Day Weekend but the majority of the work will be complete. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for 2:00 pm on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> near the New Hampshire Avenue intersection.

Previous: All utility work has been completed and poles are supposed to be removed on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Busby Construction has scheduled base course paving for April 20th. This is the first day

the plant is open so paving may occur over two days. Granite curbing installation begins on April 24th. The project is on schedule.

### **LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT**

Current: The Downtown TIF Advisory Board will be meeting May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Engineering work continues on the various Riverwalk segments. Other topics that will be discussed at the meeting will include wayfinding signage for the WOW Trail in the Downtown TIF area and the Downtown Parking Garage.

Previous: The Downtown TIF Advisory Board will not be meeting in April. The Advisory Board will next be meeting in May. Engineering work is ongoing for various Riverwalk projects.

### **WEIRS TIF DISTRICT**

Current: The Weirs TIF Advisory Board met on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Details of the Lakeside Avenue improvements were discussed and the expected timelines of various components were presented. The discussion focused on paving schedule, sidewalk construction, ornamental light pole design elements, parking kiosks and parking regulations, utility construction and potential future enhancements (benches, trash receptacles, banners) proposed by the Weirs Action Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Previous: The Weirs TIF Advisory Board will be meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Agenda items for this meeting will include a review of the funding of the Lakeside Avenue improvements, timeline for the project and discussion of other specific elements of the project.

### **WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT**

Current: The Advisory Board discussed the next steps in the process to obtain a decision on whether to create a separate authority for the system. The Board agreed that the next step is to determine what is legally and legislatively required to create the authority, and to collect and analyze the background financial information necessary for the action. The Board voted to have the CIP Committee develop a scope of work for this requirement. The Committee meets twice a week and has developed a draft and sent it to DES for advice. Additionally, it was sent to the Mitchell Group to see if the scope of work was within the capabilities of a legal firm. Both DES and the Mitchell Group have provided comments.

Previous: All member communities with the exception of Tilton support creating a regional municipal waste water authority. The next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION**

Current: NHDES Wetland Bureau has directed the City to meet with NHDES mitigation staff to identify options for mitigating impacts to the shoreland zone. Mitigation is required when impacting areas inside the lake which will occur due to the placement of sand fill. City staff is compiling information on recent and proposed stormwater improvements that may be taken into consideration when discussing mitigation requirements. Once this information is compiled, a meeting will be scheduled with NHDES mitigation staff.

Previous: The City is awaiting confirmation of our next meeting NHDES officials.

### **ZONING TASK FORCE**

Current: City Council approved Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance on May 8.

Previous: Planning Board approved the proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance on April 4 and sent it to the City Council for action.

## **DOWNTOWN WAYFINDING**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.



## **LACONIA HEART AND SOUL MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Current: No update

Previous: No update.

## **DES WATERSHED ASSISTANCE GRANT**

Current: The Shoreland Impact Permit (2017-00788) has been approved and received. It is valid until April 19, 2022.

The City will revisit the installation of pervious concrete panels over the summer. Post construction water sampling will occur to determine effectiveness of the stormwater improvements that occurred last fall.

Previous: Two bids for porous concrete for the Weirs Beach parking lot have been received. We have not yet received the Shoreland Water Quality Protection permit. Hand dug test pits for archaeological investigation will be performed later this spring. The installation of the porous concrete has been put on hold and will not be occurring this spring. The reasons include that the City has yet to receive a shoreland permit from the State of NHDES, the need for archeological survey, available funding and the impending beach season is near and work needs to occur outside of the beach season. The project will be revisited in the future.

## **LEAVITT PARK TENNIS COURTS**

Current: The City received three proposals and Vermont Recreational was selected as the firm to perform the tennis court reconstruction. Work has started on the courts including the installation of the gravel base, binder course of pavement and fence posts. The fencing fabric and the final course of pavement is expected to occur in the next week. Completion of the project is anticipated around the end of June.

Previous: Three proposals for the tennis court reconstruction were received. The proposals are being reviewed and scored by City staff and the work will be awarded by April 21<sup>st</sup>. Construction is expected to start before the end of spring.