



## **LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – July 2017**

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

Current: Frank Bean Road has been completed. Busby has begun work on the School District funded project at their Harvard Street building. Busby will pave the surface layer on Tremont Street in conjunction with the paving work at the School District headquarters. The City's pipe lining contractor has lined the clay storm water pipes in Winter Street that were showing signs of decay. Busby will begin drainage work on the remaining storm water system the week of July 24<sup>th</sup> and reclaim the road in August in time for the school buses to use the street for the start of school on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Adams Street is in final design. That project will begin after Winter Street is complete. The west paved end of Hilliard Street has failed. Busby will use their reclaiming machine to convert the section from the first house past the brush dump to the culverts over Pickerel Cove into gravel until plans can be made on what should be done with that section of the road. Public Works is providing the Pavement Management Consultant the historical information they need for the study while they are preparing to inspect the streets. It will take the consultant about four weeks to inspect all of the roads. Public Works is planning on presenting the initial results of the study in November/December and the five year work plan in February/March.

Previous: Frank Bean Road culvert replacement and reclamation and first course of overlay was completed. The final surface will be placed in July. The road is open for traffic. Winter Street (Union to Highland) design is near completion. It was modified and the road will not be lowered. Winter Street needs extensive repairs to its drainage system. The contractor is planning on doing the drainage work in July and the road surface in August. This project must be completed before school starts. Adams Street design is underway and this project will be completed by the fall. North Main Street overlay is scheduled to occur after Labor Day. DPW will be stripping the road for bike lanes after it is resurfaced. The object is to have a bike lane from Tremont Street to the Elm Street intersection. DPW is working with NHDOT on the section from Lexington to Elm Street. Tremont Street's final surface will be placed this fall. DPW will survey Veteran's Square after completing the Adam's Street design. Veteran's Square is very flat and we will be looking at multiple options to improve the pavement surface. The kickoff meeting with the Engineer Consultants on the Pavement Management Program study is scheduled for July 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

Current: The Wetlands and Shoreland Permits have been approved and received. We are still working on trench dewatering options with the Winnipesaukee River Basin Program and are working on scheduling a video inspection for the 20" outlet pipe from the City catch basin near the Dutile Oil tank farm.

Previous: The Railroad Crossing Agreement has been finalized. Wetland permit application is still under technical review at NH DES. We are presently exploring options for construction trench dewatering as the new corridor will pass through the City's New England yard which has contaminated soils. We are filing a permit by notification with NH DES to place a coffer dam in Lake Opechee to assist with the video inspection of the existing 20" pipe between the tank farm at Dutile's and the outlet at the bank of the lake.

## **LAKESIDE AVENUE**

Current: The punch list items are complete with the exception of reseeding those areas that were impacted by Motorcycle Week. Reseeding will be performed in the fall. Public Works and the supplier have worked through most of the operational issues with the kiosks. Public Works is working with the City's IT team to add a parking page to the visitor section of the City's web site.

Previous: Phase 1 is substantially complete. Some minor punch list items are being addressed. Parking kiosks are operational. Some light pole banner arms were damaged during Bike Week vendor set up. Replacement parts are in the process of being ordered. Final work is scheduled to start after Labor Day.

## **LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT**

Current: The Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Ed Engler was in attendance and the current status of the parking garage was discussed. The Downtown TIF Board members expressed concerns about the lack of progress with parking garage deficiencies, cleanliness, vagrancy issue, short term plans and long term plans. The Mayor clarified the current position of the City Council and the Advisory Board expressed their interest in working with Council to formulate plans for the future. The Mayor suggested that the Board be specific with any ideas and set up some specific action items to work towards. The Advisory Board is scheduled to meet next on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Previous: The Downtown TIF Advisory Board last met on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Primary topics of discussion included updates on Riverwalk projects, the Downtown Parking Garage, wayfinding signage on the WOW Trail and banner poles. Concerns were raised about the ongoing condition and maintenance of the parking garage. The Advisory Board expressed interest in reaching out to the City Council to discuss these ongoing issues and future plans of the parking garage.

## **WEIRS TIF DISTRICT**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update. The next meeting is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT**

Current: The next meeting of the WRBP Advisory Board is scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup>. The Board's CIP sub-committee has been meeting since the last Advisory Board meeting with DES to award the scope of services for the roadmap. DES has some concerns on the scope of work which may result in the Advisory Board recommending that one of the municipalities award the contract for the development of the roadmap.

Previous: The Advisory Board had a special meeting to review the scope of work for consultants to assist the Board in developing the roadmap and cost estimates for creating a separate Municipal Waste Water Authority. The Scope was approved. The cost of this support would be funded from the municipalities' payments to the State. This effort may require two consultants. The consultant(s) would be working for the Board and would review and approve the consultants' products. The Advisory Board is working with the State to determine which contracting mechanism meets its requirements for both quality and timeliness.

## **WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION**

Current: No update.

Previous: City staff is still 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.

### **ZONING TASK FORCE**

Current: No update.

Previous: The Zoning Task Force is finished for the time being. This group may be revived after the Master Plan is complete.

### **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: Laconia Parks and Recreation and Laconia DPW staff are preparing required reporting paperwork for the Weirs Beach stormwater improvements. Further stormwater improvements will be completed when funding becomes available.

Previous: No update.

### **LEAVITT PARK TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURTS**

Current: The Leavitt Park Tennis courts have been completed and a small grand opening ceremony occurred on July 12<sup>th</sup>. The courts are now open to the public. A small amount of loaming and seeding will be completed around the outside edges of the court in the fall when the grass growing conditions are more favorable.

Previous: The tennis courts are near completion with all site work, paving, fencing and net posts installed. Remaining work includes final colored surfacing, striping and net installation. The courts are expected to be open to the public the first week of July, depending on weather. A ribbon cutting ceremony will occur upon completion of the project with a date not yet determined.

### **DOG PARK PROJECT**

Current: Parks and Recreation met with members of the Happy Tails Dog Park on June 30<sup>th</sup> to review next steps. The draft agreement between the City and Happy Tails was discussed. Both

parties are reviewing the draft language. The proposed name of the park will be The Lezama Family Happy Tails Dog Park. Other topics discussed included the process to set up the funding from the donor, confirmation of the requirements from Eversource to access the park under a powerline and the RFP process.

Previous: The project site was recently reviewed by the NH Division of Historical Resources and the location was determined to be not archaeologically sensitive. The site was also reviewed by the NH Natural Heritage Bureau and no recorded occurrences for sensitive species were found near the project area. Parks and Recreation will be meeting with members of the Happy Tails Dog Park the last week of June. Several items regarding the dog park project will be discussed including the following:

1. Formal confirmation that the power company allows access under their lines.
2. Draft of agreement between Happy Tails and the City of Laconia
3. Naming of the Park
4. Set up of the funding
5. Securing a contractor through the bid/RFP process

### **ROBBIE MILLS WATER SUPPLY**

Current: Gilford Well has drilled two wells on the Robbie Mills Complex property. The yield from the wells was not sufficient enough to supply an adequate water supply, as anticipated. Hydro-fracking of the wells has been scheduled in order to produce enough yield. All work to date and the hydro-fracking work was included in the original scope of work and no additional work is anticipated at this time. Gilford Well will be performing other related work (electrical, booster station modification, waterline connections) in the interim until the hydro-fracking is complete.

Previous: City staff has been working with the State of New Hampshire Administrative Services to finalize a license agreement to utilize the State of NH water tank and to drill wells on the property of the Lakes Region Facility to provide a water system to irrigation athletic fields and service restrooms. A final version of the license agreement has been signed by the City and has been sent to the State of NH for final signatures. Mobilization of well drilling equipment is expected shortly after the license agreement is signed. Completion date of the project is not known at this time. Further approval of the license agreement by Governor and Council and the Long Range Planning and Utilization Committee will be needed. The City is also finalizing a license agreement with the State of NH for use of Hank Risley Field for parking and other limited uses.

### **LACONIA RIVERWALK**

Current: The City has entered into a revised engineering agreement with HEB Engineering to design the next Riverwalk phases. Additional base mapping survey work to be completed by Laconia DPW is pending and design will continue once this base mapping survey work is completed sometime in August.

Previous: The City has withdrawn from the TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant program and has been working with HEB Engineering to modify the scope of work for engineering services. Without the need to meet TAP Grant requirements, a reduction in the cost and scope of work was possible. The City has reviewed the modified (reduced) scope of work and will be finalizing the modified engineering agreement in the next week. Once authorized, HEB Engineering will continue with the engineering of previously approved

Riverwalk phases including segments behind the Landmark Inn/Walgreens, the City Hall parking lot to Church Street and the pedestrian bridge over the Perley Canal inlet.

**NORMANDIN SQUARE (BUSY CORNER) PARK IMPROVEMENT**

Current: Through funding made available from CVS Pharmacy, Laconia Parks and Recreation has started the park improvement project at Normandin Square. Ingham Landscaping was selected through the RFP process to install hardscape (pavers). Work started on July 17<sup>th</sup> and is expected to be substantially complete by August. Parks and Recreation maintenance crews will be installing irrigation and plantings to the small park area once the hardscape improvements have been installed by the contractor.

Previous: N/A