



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – August 2017

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2017

Current: Busby has completed the School District's project at Harvard Street except for a few punch list items. Tremont's final surface course is complete. Busby will wait until this fall's growing season to do the modifications to the shoulders to support the new drainage pattern. The asphalt binder was laid on Winter, Adams and Autumn Streets. Sidewalks and surface course remain to be completed. Final work on Lakeside Ave is scheduled to begin after September 21st. Also, the west end of Hilliard will be converted to gravel and a section of Tower Street will be reclaimed and paved using a concrete injection technique to determine if it will help stabilize the road base on that steep hill. The design of Court Street is progressing and DPW will schedule the first public meeting on the project in September. The designer for the Union Avenue project is developing their proposal. Public Works expects to have the proposal the second week of September. The consultants for the pavement management study will be inspecting the roads in September.

Previous: 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 24th and reclaim the road in August in time for the school buses to use the street for the start of school on September 5th. 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.

MESSER STREET/DUTILE OIL DRAINAGE

Current: The Winnipesaukee River Basin Program will not allow the City to pump water from the excavation sites into the sanitary sewer system even after pre-treatment. Based on this answer the new plan is to time all required excavation to coincide with the next drawdown of Lake Opechee which is scheduled for October 2018. This will enable the City to avoid costly treatment requirements associated with dewatering the construction site. Public Works received a quote for inspecting the existing 20" pipe outlet. Because of the need to build a coffer dam to accomplish the investigation, the cost is very high (\$33,000). Public Works is working with the engineers to determine other lower cost options.

Previous: 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.

LAKESIDE AVENUE

Current: Final construction activity will start back up again around September 21. Work will include stamped concrete cross-walks, raising sewer manhole structures, final wearing course of pavement, and pavement markings. The goal is to complete work by October 15.

Previous: 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.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: The Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on August 15th. Further discussion took place on the current status and future of the Downtown parking garage. The Downtown TIF Advisory Board will be requesting to be on the agenda of an upcoming Council meeting to discuss ways the Board, the City Council and the Downtown community can work towards a solution for the parking garage issues and Downtown parking challenges. The next Downtown TIF Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for September 26th.

Previous: The Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on July 18th. 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 15th.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: Representatives from Parks and Recreation, DPW, Water Works and Busby Construction met to discuss the installation of a water service for irrigation to the Weirs Beach sign planting area. Proposed plans are in place to install a service sometime after Labor Day. The water service is proposed to connect to the water main in Endicott Street North. The next Weirs TIF Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for September 28th.

Previous: No update.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The Advisory Board's CIP subcommittee met with the majority of the Advisory Board members. They concur with the approach to award development of the roadmap through one of the municipalities. The subcommittee has developed a plan for obtaining the consultants and funding the work. That plan will go to the member communities for comments by the end of August.

Previous: The next meeting of the WRBP Advisory Board is scheduled for July 20th. 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.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: Discussion of NHDES mitigation requirements continues with a meeting planned in September. Engineering design is on hold until mitigation requirements are determined.

Previous: No update.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

DES WATERSHED ASSISTANCE GRANT

Current: DPW submitted quarterly reports to NH DES. BMP work on the gravel service drive from the end of Weeks Street to the Mt. Washington is scheduled to coincide with the remaining work on Lakeside Avenue in early October.

Previous: 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.

DOG PARK PROJECT

Current: Happy Tails Dog Park and Parks and Recreation are working with Eversource to meet requirements of the dog park access under the powerline. Additional survey work is required by Eversource and Happy Tails Dog Park has secured a local surveyor to perform the work. The draft agreement between the City and Happy Tails Dog Park is in the review process.

Previous: Parks and Recreation met with members of the Happy Tails Dog Park on June 30th 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.

ROBBIE MILLS WATER SUPPLY

Current: Hydro-fracking of the two wells drilled on the Robbie Mills Complex property has been completed. Sufficient yield has been obtained from the wells to adequately provide water to the facility for irrigation, restrooms and concession needs. Gilford Well has completed installation of the water connection from the City booster station to the water tank. Water connections from the wells to the water system at the concession building are scheduled for the week of August 28th. The project remains within budget. The athletic fields remain in good condition with the rainfall we have received this summer.

Previous: 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.

LACONIA RIVERWALK

Current: Base mapping survey work by DPW is nearing completion. HEB Engineering will be focusing on preliminary design in September.

Previous: 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.

NORMANDIN SQUARE (BUSY CORNER) PARK IMPROVEMENT

Current: Ingram Landscaping has completed the hardscape (pavers) installation. Parks and Recreation has installed planting soil in the planting areas. Irrigation installation is currently being finished. Planting installation is expected to start the week of August 21st. The project will be substantially complete by Labor Day with minor punch list items remaining.

Previous: 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 17th 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.