



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – September 2017

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2017

Current: Busby started working on the punch list items for the School District's project on Sept. 20th. Busby also ground the pavement on the road edges along North Main Street and the area of Veteran's Square that was excavated for the water line that was installed to the old church building. North Main St. is scheduled to have the shim layer placed on Sept. 23rd. The following week they will raise the structures in the road in preparation for the final surface layer of asphalt. Busby is scheduled to start raising structures on Lakeside Avenue beginning Sept. 21st. Busby and Public Works are developing the schedule for placing concrete in the crosswalks to ensure minimal impact to the public during installation and its initial cure period. The binder layer for the sidewalks on Winter and Adams Streets have been placed. The final surface layer has not been scheduled yet. The public input session for Court Street is scheduled for Sept. 21st. Public Works has reviewed the consultant's proposal for Union Ave for the work between Main Street and Gilford Avenue and they are updating their proposal based on these comments. The team assessing the condition of the roads began working in the City on Sept. 13th.

Previous: 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.

MESSER STREET/DUTILE OIL DRAINAGE

Current: No change.

Previous: 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.

LAKESIDE AVENUE

Current: Stamped concrete sidewalks, raising sanitary sewer manhole frames and covers, final wearing course of pavement and pavement markings will commence on Sept. 21st.

Previous: 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.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: The Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board submitted a letter to the City Council expressing concerns over the current condition and future plans for the Downtown Parking Garage. The Board also expressed interest in assisting the City Council in determining the future of the garage. The Board offered specific ideas that the City Council could consider in the short and long term. The next meeting of the Advisory Board is on September 26, 2017.

Previous: 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.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: Water Works will be installing a new water service to the Weirs Beach sign planting area from the water main in Route 3. This work is scheduled to take place on September 21st. The next Weirs TIF District Advisory Board meeting has been rescheduled to October.

Previous: 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.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The WRBP member communities have agreed to the funding methodology for the consultants developing the road map. The CIP Subcommittee has begun the process to select the legal consultant necessary to identify the legal and legislative tasks necessary for creating the road map. The Advisory Board's next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 21st. The CIP Subcommittee has been reviewing WRBP's proposal for FY 2019-2027. The subcommittee will complete its analysis and recommendation in time for the October Advisory Board meeting.

Previous: 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.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: A conference call with the project engineering consultant, DPW staff and Parks staff took place on September 14th to discuss next steps. A meeting with NHDES Mitigation staff is being planned for mid-October to discuss mitigation requirements for the project.

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

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: The Master Plan Steering Committee has met several times since forming in May. The committee has drafted a Vision Statement and has had considerable discussion about concepts to include in the Land Use chapter. The current timeline has the committee producing final documents late fall of this year.

Previous: No update.

DES WATERSHED ASSISTANCE GRANT

Current: Quarterly progress reports have been submitted to NH DES. Two additional BMP implementations are scheduled for late September/early October. Water quality monitoring will continue this fall.

Previous: 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.

DOG PARK PROJECT

Current: Additional survey work was performed by Steve Smith Associates to meet project review requirements of Eversource. Rokeh Consulting Engineering is working with Eversource and Happy Tails Dog Park to finalize a joint use agreement to access the dog park under the Eversource transmission line. Eversource is reviewing the project elements in the transmission corridor.

Previous: 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.

ROBBIE MILLS WATER SUPPLY

Current: Gilford Well is currently performing waterline connections, expansion tank installation and electrical work from the new wells to the concession stand building. Work to be completed includes the setup of a transducer valve to shut off the water supply to the storage tank. Loaming and seeding of disturbed areas will occur when all excavation is complete.

Previous: 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.

LACONIA RIVERWALK

Current: Base mapping work has been submitted to the project engineering consultant, HEB Engineering. Preliminary design is ongoing. Construction of new Riverwalk segments is now planned for the 2018 construction season.

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

NORMANDIN SQUARE (BUSY CORNER) PARK IMPROVEMENT

Current: With the exception of the installation of a water meter/backflow enclosure, the project is complete. Some annuals will be planted for the fall season to enhance the gardens and add color.

Previous: 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.