



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – May 2018

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2018

Current: Court Street construction has started. Busby will continue installing new sewer on Court Street until Motorcycle Week. Busby is planning to shift work to side streets off of Court Street for Motorcycle Week and begin work on Pleasant Street after school is out. Eversource will begin their portion of the work in May and continue relocating utility poles through the summer. A public input session was held on May 3 for the Union Ave (Elm to Stark) project. Feedback was received about the condition of the road and concerns about on-street parking south of the Union and Elm Street intersection.

Previous: Court Street construction project is scheduled to begin on April 23rd. The plan is to begin with sewer construction and then provide a time for Eversource to relocate its utility poles and other utilities to transfer to the new poles. The relocation is required to meet ADA standards. The work on Pleasant Street, from Oak Street to North Main, is scheduled to begin in June. DPW has instructed the consultant to design the Elm Street/Union Ave intersection based on the Council's selected option for improving traffic flow. A public input session is scheduled for May 3rd for the Union Ave (Elm to Stark) project. A list of streets to be shimmed is being updated based on this winter's impacts on City roads.

MESSER STREET/DUTILE OIL DRAINAGE

Current: No update.

Previous: The railroad crossing agreement was approved by the NH DOT Rail Division. The drawdown of Lake Opechee by the NH Dam Bureau will begin October 8, 2018. The drainage work will coincide with this project. Temporary impacts to the WOW trail are expected.

BALDWIN STREET AND BOWMAN STREET PROJECT

Current: Mainline sewer replacement is complete on Baldwin Street. Sewer services and paving remain. The Water Department has completed their work on Bowman Street. Busby Construction has begun construction of the new sanitary sewer on Bowman Street.

Previous: Sewer pipe work began on Baldwin Street this month. Work on Baldwin Street is scheduled to be complete by the end of May. The street is slated for a trench width pavement patch. Bowman Street work will begin with water main upgrades starting in April. Temporary water lines will be run to each house while the main is being reconstructed. Sewer, drain and full width road pavement will follow.

LAKESIDE AVENUE

Current: Studley's Landscaping has started irrigation installation at the Weirs Beach sign island. Irrigation startup and seasonal plantings will occur after Motorcycle Week in this island.

Previous: No updates.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: The Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on May 15th. Updates on the Downtown Riverwalk project were given (see further details in Riverwalk updates section).

Discussion of the Downtown Parking Garage, wayfinding signage, banner poles and the Colonial Theater project occurred. Further details can be found in meeting minutes posted on the City's website.

Previous: The Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on April 12th. Topics of discussion included the Downtown Parking Garage, Downtown Riverwalk project updates, banner poles, performance based zoning and the Laconia Master Plan. The Advisory Board will be requesting a meeting with the City Council Land and Buildings Subcommittee to discuss future options for the parking garage. The Advisory Board will also be submitting a recommendation to the City Council to provide TIF District funding for a set of over-the-street banner poles on Main Street.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: The Weirs TIF Advisory Board met on April 19th. Topics of discussion included the Weirs Beach sign irrigation, banners, Weirs Beach restoration, parking kiosks, historical signage, and trash/recycling containers. Further details can be found in the meeting minutes posted on the City's website. The next meeting is scheduled for August 16th, 2018.

Previous: No update. The next meeting of the Weirs TIF Advisory Board is on April 19th.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The Advisory Board has established a goal of having a proposed model for a new rate assessment formula to the member communities in January of 2019. The Board believes it has sufficient historical flow data to use as a test case for the formula. The CIP Subcommittee held its kickoff meeting with Ms. Young, the attorney coordinating the development of the road map for Rath, Young & Pignatelli. The Subcommittee's objective is to present the road map to the Advisory Board at its July 19th meeting.

Previous: The Advisory Board has not met since the last update. The CIP Subcommittee has selected the attorney to assist the Advisory Board in developing the road map to obtain the decision on whether to create a separate municipal waste water authority. The CIP Subcommittee's objective is to complete the road map in 30 days and then brief the Advisory Board and its respective governing bodies during the next 30 days if requested by the Board members.

Public Works continues to work with WRBP on compliance with the commercial wastewater discharge permit regulations. This requirement will eventually impact all commercial buildings in the City.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: Woods Hole Group has submitted a wetland mitigation concept plan to NHDES for review. The plan calls for a terraced, created wetland area between the current shoreline and the public docks. The wetland impacts to the lake due to the restoration of the beach require a mitigation component to the project. This created wetland would provide much needed stormwater treatment while also providing educational opportunities. The City is awaiting a response from NHDES on this concept plan.

Previous: No update. The City and Woods Hole Group are in the process of scheduling a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss potential dredging activities.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: At the May 8, 2018 Planning Board meeting the Board approved and adopted the proposed Vision Statement and the Land Use Chapter. Updates to other chapters of the Master

Plan will be initiated over the next couple of years. Planning staff will now start formulating updates to the Zoning Ordinance to begin implementing recommendations in the updated document.

Previous: The April meeting of the Planning Board was cancelled due to lack of a quorum and the possible vote adopting the updated Vision Statement and the Land Use Chapter is scheduled for the May 8 meeting.

DES WATERSHED ASSISTANCE GRANT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

LEZAMA FAMILY HAPPY TAILS DOG PARK PROJECT

Current: The City Council approved the \$100,000 donation at their April 23rd meeting. Raymond's Excavation is slated to start construction after Memorial Day. There will be a ground breaking ceremony on May 30th at noon at the site. The City is finalizing an agreement with Happy Tails Dog Park detailing the management of the Dog Park.

Previous: A \$100,000 donation has been pledged on behalf of the Lezama Family for construction of the dog park. The City Council executed the first reading of the request to accept the donation as unanticipated revenue. A public hearing and second reading is scheduled for the April 23 City Council meeting. Raymond's Landscaping of Concord, NH has been selected as the contractor for the construction of the park. An agreement with the City of Laconia and Happy Tails Dog Park is being finalized.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK

Current: The low bidder for construction of two Downtown Riverwalk segments defaulted on the award of the project. The City will be meeting with the second lowest bidder, Busby Construction, to evaluate the scope of work. Due to the default of the initial low bidder, construction of the Landmark/Walgreens segment will be delayed. Work on the Landmark/Walgreens segment is anticipated to occur after Motorcycle Week. The City Hall to Church Street segment is slated for construction after Columbus Day.

Previous: Bids were opened for the construction of two Downtown Riverwalk segments on April 6th. The bids are currently under review by the City's engineering consultant. The project is expected to be awarded in the next week.

SANBORN PARK AND TARDIF PARK COURT RESURFACING

Current: The City Council authorized additional funding for the resurfacing of the Leavitt Park basketball courts at their meeting on May 14th. This additional resurfacing work will be partially funded by impact fees. Work is slated to begin May 2018.

Previous: Work is slated for May 2018. Vermont Tennis Court Surfacing has been contracted to perform the work.

BARTLETT BEACH AND BOND BEACH EROSION/DRAINAGE PROJECTS

Current: Final design plans are pending.

Previous: Design plans were provided by Loureiro Engineering on April 6th. Feedback was provided by the City and final engineering design plans are pending.

FENCING PROJECTS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

Current: Fencing projects have been completed.

Previous: Installation of new ornamental fencing is scheduled to start in April. Projects include ornamental fencing installation at Rotary Park, Robbie Mills Field and Opechee Park. Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing has been contracted to complete the work.