



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – August, 2018

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2018

Current:

Bond Funded projects:

Busby has completed sewer construction on **Court Street**. Eversource has installed new utility poles and is working on transferring all electric lines from the old to the new poles. Liberty Utilities has started work to transfer services from the old gas main to the new gas main in order for the old gas main to be abandoned. Busby will re-mobilize to Court Street in August to begin drainage, roadway and sidewalk work. PW is planning on laying an asphalt shim on worst areas of Court Street outside the project area to enable the existing pavement to last until the bridge project scheduled for fall of 2019 is complete and phase 2 of the Court Street project scheduled for 2020 is complete.

The **Union Avenue (Elm to Stark Street)** public input session took place on August 16. The design is being finalized and construction is expected to begin after Labor Day. The work will start at the Elm Street intersection with sewer and drainage upgrades, followed by roadway and sidewalk improvements. The design engineering team is progressing with design on the **Union Avenue (Main St. to Gilford Ave.)** project with an expected construction start in the spring of 2019.

Annual Program:

Work has started on Pleasant Street, from Oak Street to North Main Street. Sewer upgrades are complete and Busby Construction is working on drainage pipe. Roadway and sidewalk work will follow. Depending on weather, the contractor should have binder on the road and will still be working on the sidewalks when school starts. Water Works has started replacing their pipe on Merrimack Street. They will complete their work in September and then work begins on the drainage system and road surface. Other streets scheduled for work this construction season include Penney Lane, a section of Weirs Blvd. near the intersection of White Oaks Road and Union Ave. from Messer Street to near the south end of the Union Ave. (Elm to Stark project).

Previous: Sewer construction is nearing completion on Court Street. Eversource has placed a majority of the new poles and is transferring wires off the old poles to the new poles. Liberty Utilities is still expected to begin gas main work in mid-July. Busby Construction will start drainage work on Court Street in August and progress into roadway and sidewalk work for the remainder of the construction season. Work is expected to begin in mid-July on Pleasant Street. The Union Avenue (Elm to Stark Street) public input session is scheduled for August 16th at City Hall. The design engineering team is progressing with design on the Union Avenue (Main St. to Gilford Ave.) project with an expected construction start in the spring of 2019.

MESSER STREET/DUTILE OIL DRAINAGE

Current: Busby will begin mobilizing crews and equipment in September to prepare for the work that must be accomplished during the drawdown.

Previous: The drainage work is on schedule to begin in October 2018. Impacts to the WOW trail during construction are expected with crossings at two separate locations north of the Bisson Avenue cross walk.

BALDWIN STREET AND BOWMAN STREET PROJECT

Current: Work is complete on Baldwin and Bowman Streets.

Previous: Sewer, drainage and binder paving are complete on Bowman Street. Busby continues to work on sidewalks and curbing.

LAKESIDE AVENUE

Current: The small sink hole in parking space 131 was the result of a catch basin structure that was not raised. It was raised and repaired on August 13th.

Previous: The irrigation installation and seasonal plantings have been completed at the Weirs Beach sign island.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: The Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on August 21st. Updates were given on the following projects:

Banner Poles – Parks and DPW staff met onsite to investigate utility conflicts and determined that there appears to be space available in the right of way to accommodate a set of banner poles.

Downtown Riverwalk – See further details in Riverwalk updates section.

Downtown Parking Garage – Concerns from the Advisory Board about parking in the downtown remain and the Board will look to get back on the agenda of the Land and Buildings Sub-Committee for discussion of the parking garage.

Colonial Theater – Concerns from the Advisory Board about the delay with the project were expressed along with concerns about the condition of the exterior of the building and how that affects the downtown community.

Previous: The Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on July 17th. Updates were given on the Riverwalk projects (see further details in Riverwalk updates section). The City Council approved funding for a set of banner poles on Main Street just south of the Main Street bridge. City staff is working on determining the exact location based on right of way width and utilities. Other topics of discussion included the Downtown parking garage, enforcement of parking limits on weekends, solar array on the parking garage, lack of a marketplace event, and the status of the Colonial Theater.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: The Weirs TIF Advisory Board met on August 16th. New dual/trash recycling containers were delivered on August 20th and will be installed by Parks staff. The Advisory Board is looking to update the Weirs TIF District Development Plan to identify potential future projects now that several of the projects have been completed. Discussion of the Weirs Beach restoration revolved around potential impacts of the created wetland concept. The next meeting of the Weirs TIF Advisory Board has been scheduled for December 6th.

Previous: The next meeting is scheduled for August 16th, 2018. The irrigation system and plantings have been completed at the Weirs Beach sign island. New dual trash/recycling containers have been ordered to provide more trash/recycling capacity along Lakeside Avenue with the cost being shared by the Weirs Action Committee and the City.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The Advisory Board approved the road map and has recommended that the municipalities begin phase one of the process to create a municipal waste water authority. All municipalities except one have approved their share of the funding for phase one. The remaining municipality is scheduled to review the request the week of August 20th. The work group is scheduling a meeting with the Attorney from Rath, Young and Pignatelli to start the process. The Advisory Board is working with the WRBP leadership to update the regulations on operation of the sanitary sewer system. These rules based on the State's processes must be approved by the Legislature.

Previous: The Advisory Board approved its Study Group's comments to WRBP's proposed regulations and has directed the committee to work with WRBP to resolve the differences in the proposed changes between WRBP staff and the Advisory Board. Rath, Young and Pignatelli's attorney will present the road map to the Advisory Board on July 19th. The Advisory Board will be asked to approve the road map and whether to begin the first phase of the road map's plan to create a municipal authority.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: No update.

Previous: The Master Plan Steering Committee will be reconvening soon to help advise Planning Department staff to start implementing the recommendations in the recently adopted Master Plan update.

DES WATERSHED ASSISTANCE GRANT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

LEZAMA FAMILY HAPPY TAILS DOG PARK PROJECT

Current: Construction is coming to completion at the end of August. A grand opening is slated for September 1st at 1pm.

Previous: Construction continues with the installation of the driveway and final grading in progress. Fencing will occur at the end of the project. Completion of the project is anticipated in August.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK

Current: A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for August 28th. Construction on the Landmark/Walgreens section is slated to start at the end of August. The City Hall to Church Street segment will occur just after Columbus Day.

Previous: Construction on the Landmark/Walgreens section is slated to start at the end of August. The City Hall to Church Street segment will occur just after Columbus Day.

SANBORN PARK, TARDIF PARK AND LEAVITT PARK COURT RESURFACING

Current: All court resurfacing work has been completed. Projects complete.

Previous: The Leavitt Park basketball courts and the Tardif Park basketball/tennis court have been resurfaced and are now open for use. The Sanborn Park basketball court work is in progress as of July 17th and work is expected to be completed by July 23rd.

BARTLETT BEACH AND BOND BEACH EROSION/DRAINAGE PROJECTS

Current: Awaiting wetlands permit for construction. Construction is slated for this fall at Bond Beach.

Previous: Funding has been budgeted for erosion and drainage improvements at Bond Beach. A wetlands permit has been submitted NHDES. Construction of these improvements is being targeted for this Fall.