



## LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – May, 2019

### **LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2019**

Current: Busby Construction Co. has paved the first course on **Court Street Phase 1** and continues to work on curb installation and sidewalk reconstruction. Court Street Phase 2 will begin in late June. Phase 2 is from Fair Street to Main Street and includes sewer, stormwater and sidewalk and roadway reconstruction. We are working with Comcast so that they can install their duct work in Court Street and Main Street before Phase 2 roads are paved. Liberty Utilities is scheduled to begin work to relay its gas main under the Durkee Brook Bridge in July. Liberty Utilities will be using the center turn lane to construct their new gas line. Public Works is working with Liberty Utilities to determine the length of turn lane necessary to construct the line. Public Works will then work with the businesses and residents on Court Street on the routes to get to their driveways.

Busby Construction Co. has completed installation of the new sewer and stormwater pipes in the Clinton/Elm intersection on **Union Avenue** (Elm St. to Stark St.). Busby will continue with stormwater and sewer installation heading north on Union Avenue followed by roadway and sidewalk reconstruction as well as improvements to the retaining wall along the southbound lane.

Public Works is working with Busby Construction to shim Lexington from Main Street to Primrose Street. The remainder of the annual road program will occur after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The object is to complete this road prior to July 1st. The work on the Harvard Street sidewalk was completed this month.

Previous: Busby Construction Co. is continuing utility work on **Court Street** with water main installation in the Court/Union/Main Street intersection. The water main work at the intersection should be complete by April 19<sup>th</sup>. Busby will then work on the drainage between Keasor Court and Fair Street, followed by sidewalks and roadway reconstruction. Liberty Utilities is working through design issues associated with contaminated soils near the Durkee Brook bridge and will likely re-start their work in July. The second phase of Court Street will begin in July. This phase is from Fair St. to Main Street and includes sewer, drain and sidewalk and roadway reconstruction.

Busby Construction is working on the sewer main on **Union Avenue** (Elm St. to Stark St.). They will continue with sewer main work and then shift to drainage work with roadway and sidewalk reconstruction to follow. Traffic detours are planned, as well as one lane alternating traffic. The objective is to complete the Union/Elm Intersection by Memorial Day so that it can be used as part of the project's traffic control plan during the summer's peak tourist periods. Construction is expected to be complete in November 2019.

Public Works has finalized the list of road improvements for the 2019 construction season. The annual program started with a portion of Pearl Street being reclaimed. It will be paved the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>. South Main Street from Route 106 to the end of the urban compact zone should also be shimmed the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>. A surface overlay on this road will occur later this year.

## **ADA IMPROVEMENTS AT FOUR INTERSECTIONS**

Current: The hardscape design has been completed and given to Busby Construction Co. for review. Public Works is working with the contractor to schedule this work during Motorcycle Week and the period around the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday when they are not working on the Union/Court Street projects due to traffic.

Previous: The design work is underway at the four intersections (Main/Oak, Main/Church, Church/Beacon Street East, Union/Messer). The design firm is completing the design of the hardscape improvements so that the work can be accomplished during breaks in the major projects construction schedule such as Motorcycle Week and the period around the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

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

Current: The water main replacement work has started on Messer Street. Stormwater and roadway improvements will begin in June after Water Works has completed their work. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> Liberty Utilities will begin working on their gas line on Messer Street from Church to Oak Street.

Previous: Liberty Utilities has completed their gas main work within the limits of the project. Water main work is scheduled to begin in May with installation of the new drainage system and paving to follow.

## **LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT**

Current: No update. There will be no meetings until further notice.

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## **WEIRS TIF DISTRICT**

Current: The Weirs TIF District Advisory Board met on May 7<sup>th</sup>. There was general discussion concerning the status of the Weirs TIF fund, the unique aspects of Weirs Beach, and the upcoming railroad bridge project. The Board is next scheduled to meet on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Previous: No update. The Board is scheduled to meet next on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT**

Current: The consultant's first report on the feasibility of installing the flow meters is due by the end of the May. If it is found to be unfeasible then the Advisory Board will authorize them to proceed with developing an alternative method for determining flow for billing purposes.

Previous: The consultant continues to work on the feasibility of installing flow meters for the four communities. These communities have also provided all the information necessary to determine alternatives to calculating flow if metering is determined to be infeasible.

## **WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Current: At the May 7 meeting, Planning Director Dean Trefethen presented a revised proposal for the Performance Zoning concept which will go to a third public hearing at the June 4

meeting. Also, at the May 7 meeting public hearings were conducted on the proposed consolidated commercial zone, to be called Urban Commercial, and Performance Zoning. The Planning Board voted to approve the Urban Commercial Zone proposal and forward it to the City Council with a recommendation to approve.

Previous: At the April 2 meeting, Planning Director Dean Trefethen presented two revised proposals to the Planning Board. The first concerns the consolidated commercial zone which is now proposed to cover the greater downtown area and all of the Court Street and Union Avenue commercial areas and some immediately adjacent parcels. The second concerns a proposal to implement Performance Zoning in the new commercial zone and also at the former State School property and adjacent parcels. These revised proposals will be the subject of public hearings at the May 7 Planning Board meeting. The Master Plan Steering Committee reviewed the latest revisions on April 3 and concurred.

#### **LACONIA DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK**

Current: Busby Construction Co. completed paving and sidewalk work on the Riverwalk between Church Street and the City Hall parking lot. The fence will be installed in June. The work by the Best Western/Landmark Inn hotel will wait until after the hotel completes the work on the "siding" on the river side of their building.

Previous: Busby Construction Co. re-started work on the Riverwalk between Church Street and the City Hall parking lot the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>. The work by the hotel will wait until after the hotel completes the work on the "siding" on the river side of their building.

#### **BARTLETT BEACH AND BOND BEACH EROSION/DRAINAGE PROJECTS**

Current: Bids were opened on 4/25/19 and the low bid price of \$115,385.70 exceeded the available project funding. Scope and Fee have been reviewed and pending changes will bring the project back to available funding level. Negotiations with the contractor are in process. Schedule of work is likely to occur after the beach season.

Previous: The Bond Beach project has gone out to bid. The bid will close as of April 25<sup>th</sup>. There is a construction walk through at the site on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

#### **NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE**

Current: Public Works is waiting for a week of dry weather so that its equipment can cross the track and operate in the grass area without tearing it up.

Previous: At the March 18<sup>th</sup> Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, Assistant Director Amy Lovisek gave an update regarding the Native American sculpture. It was recommended to take the statue down as soon as possible due to safety concerns and the fact that the frost was quickly leaving the ground. The rush was to get a crane over the track during frost to protect it. The crane company was going to use crane pads as well as plywood to protect the track. However, the crane company then said they could not do the job due to standing water near the statue. At that point, the City Council advised that the statue be taken down without worry of saving it. DPW will be in charge of the take down of the statue. It may come down as easily as removing the support beam. Currently the Winnipesaukee Muskrats are looking to do a 3D print of the statue. They are doing the fundraising so the City will not use any money for this project. They will gift the new statue to the City. It will be made of plastic and will be colored the way we want. The Parks and Rec Commission will have final approval for design, color and location where it will go. This will be discussed at their April meeting.

## **MEMORIAL PARK SOFTBALL IRRIGATION**

Current: No update.

Previous: Memorial Park irrigation is on hold at this time. The infield work must be completed before the irrigation can be laid. The original plan was to have the irrigation done first, but we are going to need to use heavy machinery to remove the infield mix and do not want the irrigation lines and heads in the way of this work. It will be done as soon as we can get on the field. Wyatt Park was also approved and irrigation will be completed this spring. This project may be done before Memorial Day.

## **WELCOME TO LACONIA SIGNAGE**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **PERLEY POND/OPECHEE COVE BRUSH CLEARING**

Current: A site visit is scheduled for May 22 which will be attended by the City Manager, Tim Ford from Parks & Rec, and a representative RFS Engineering.

Previous: Assistant Recreation & Facilities Director Amy Lovisek spoke with Dean Anson of the Conservation Commission. He has contacted UNH Coop. Extension to speak with their landscape architects regarding possible vegetation that could be planted along the pond to enhance visibility of the pond. He also wants an arborist to give their expertise on the oak tree and provide the City with the best steps to extend the life of the tree. Laconia Parks & Recreation will be a part of this process and will maintain the area per usual. Amy will attend the Conservation Commission meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss this further.