



## LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – September, 2019

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

Current: Busby is continuing to install the new drainage system on **Court Street Phase 2**. Phase 2 is from Fair Street to Main Street and the project includes sewer, stormwater upgrades and sidewalk and roadway reconstruction. Comcast started the installation of their duct banks and will complete their work in conjunction with improvements to the Union/Main/Court intersection. ADA Improvements at the Main/Union/Court intersection will be completed this year.

Liberty Utilities began work to relay its gas main under the **Durkee Brook Bridge**. Liberty Utilities is using the center turn lane to construct their new gas line. The barricades in the center turn lane are scheduled to be removed on September 19. The contractor has to connect the new gas main to the existing and install a short section of service line to a few homes in the area. All work associated with the new gas main is scheduled to be complete by October 21.

Busby Construction Co. has completed sewer work on the **Union Avenue** (Elm St. to Stark St.) project up to Walnut Street. They are continuing to work on drainage. Road and sidewalk reconstruction are scheduled to be completed to Walnut Street this year. ADA improvements at the Union/Elm Street intersection will be completed this year. Work north of Walnut Street to Stark Street will resume in 2020.

Paving was completed on Grant Street from Garfield to Lincoln, and Lincoln Street, from Grant Street to Academy. Sidewalk reconstruction will follow on Grant Street. The surface overlay on Messer Street and Bell Hill and Leewood is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> weather permitting.

The surface coat on Linney Lane will be placed this year. The escrow from the development is funding this work per the agreement between the City and the developer.

Previous: Busby is completing replacement of the sewer mains on **Court Street Phase 2** the week of August 19<sup>th</sup>. Drain work will follow in the Court/Main/Union intersection. Phase 2 is from Fair Street to Main Street and includes sewer, stormwater and sidewalk and roadway reconstruction. Comcast will complete the installation of their duct banks in conjunction with the road and drain construction on Court and Union. ADA Improvements at the Main/Union/Court intersection will be completed this year.

Liberty Utilities is scheduled to begin work to relay its gas main under the **Durkee Brook Bridge** after Labor Day. Liberty Utilities will be using the center turn lane to construct their new gas line. Public Works is working with Liberty Utilities and their contractor to determine the length of turn lane necessary to construct the line and their traffic control plan for the work. Public Works will then coordinate with the businesses and residents on Court Street on the routes to get to their driveways.

Busby Construction Co. will resume sewer and stormwater work in **Union Avenue** (Elm St. to Stark St.) in August. Sewer, stormwater, road and sidewalk reconstruction are scheduled to be completed to Walnut Street this year. ADA improvements at the Union/Elm Street intersection will be completed this year. Work north of Walnut Street to Stark Street will resume in 2020.

Paving was completed on Grant Street from Garfield to Lincoln, and Lincoln Street, from Grant Street to Academy. Sidewalk reconstruction will follow on Grant Street. The surface overlay on S. Main Street and the shim paving on Leewood and Bell Hill was also completed the week of August 12th. The surface overlay on Bell Hill and Leewood will be completed in September.

The surface coat on Linney Lane will be placed this year. The escrow from the development is funding this work per the agreement between the City and the developer.

#### **ADA IMPROVEMENTS AT FOUR INTERSECTIONS**

Current: Public Works and Busby Construction are targeting October to begin improvements at the Main and Church intersection.

Previous: Public Works and Busby Construction are finalizing the construction details and schedule. First priority is the intersection at Main and Church (Veteran's Square.)

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

Current: Sidewalks and overlay paving is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup> weather permitting.

Previous: Drain installation and the lining of the remaining drain system as well as the sewer is complete. Messer from Bisson to Union was reclaimed and paved with binder the week of August 12th. Curbing will be completed the week of August 19<sup>th</sup> followed by final paving.

#### **LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

#### **WEIRS TIF DISTRICT**

Current: No update.

Previous: The Weirs TIF District Advisory Board met on August 15, 2019. Discussion was had regarding Weirs Beach Restoration, and the City Manager will discuss mitigation scenarios with NH-DES. Also discussed were the many positive comments received about the historic plaques on the Boardwalk; there will be more signs installed in the future on the section toward the beach. The next meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 2 pm in City Hall, Room 200B.

#### **WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT**

Current: The Advisory Board approved proceeding to the next step, meeting with appropriate municipal/district governing bodies, in the process to obtain a decision on creating a municipal waste water authority. The Advisory Board will begin coordinating these meetings while finalizing the outlines with its attorney for any legislative actions and required intermunicipal agreements. The Consultant is in the process of updating its report on the feasibility of improving flow metering in the four communities. The update is due to the Board by the end of September.

Previous: The Advisory Board received the signed letter of agreement from the AG's office on their support to the communities' effort to obtain a final decision on creating a separate waste water authority. The Board is working on a proposal to change the State law on the program's replacement fund which is the reserve for capital improvement repairs to the program's system.

The consultants have submitted a draft of their first report. The subcommittee and program's staff reviewed the draft report, and have comments and corrections that will affect the recommendations in this report. The subcommittee is scheduling a meeting to review the comments with the consultant.

### **WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

### **LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Current: The City Council has adopted all of the amendments that were driven by the previous adoption of the new Urban Commercial zone. The Master Plan Steering Committee will be meeting on Sept. 24 to discuss additional recommendations of the 2018 Master Plan.

Previous: With the recent adoption of the Urban Commercial (UC) Zone, a number of "housekeeping" amendments are now before the City Council for adoption. These amendments will insert the new UC zone into Chapter 235 as needed, and remove reference to the old zoning districts that have been abolished. The Master Plan Steering Committee will be meeting soon to consider other recommendations made by the 2018 Master Plan.

### **LACONIA DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK**

Current: Work is complete between the City Hall parking lot and Church Street and along Rowe Court behind the new Best Western. The walk is open to the public.

Previous: Final restoration and clean-up will be completed in August on the Riverwalk between the City Hall parking lot and Church Street and along Rowe Court behind the new Best Western.

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

Current: Work at Bond Beach was due to begin on September 17<sup>th</sup>; however, the project needed to be pushed back a few weeks. Raymond Landscaping has the contract and met with Parks & Rec to discuss the plant revisions in the plan. The work should begin no later than mid-October. Bartlett Beach is still awaiting the wetland permit from NH DES. Loureiro Engineering is responsible for this part of the project.

Previous: The erosion/drainage project at Bond Beach is still on hold through Labor Day. Bartlett Beach has its design completed, and the engineering firm is now pulling wetland permits from the NHDES. Once those are complete we will send out the RFP for construction.

### **NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE**

Current: No update.

Previous: The Winnipesaukee Muskrats have decided on a firm to print the statue. The process will cost significantly more money than expected. Their plan is to fundraise throughout the fall/winter and have the statue ready for summer of next year, hopefully just before July 4<sup>th</sup>. DPW is planning to take the re-bar out of the base of the statue which will then allow removal of the temporary fencing.

### **WELCOME TO LACONIA SIGNAGE**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **PERLEY POND PROJECT**

Current: The oak tree will be pruned on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. A press release was printed in the Laconia Daily Sun on August 27<sup>th</sup> to inform the public of our plan.

Previous: Donavan Tree Experts from Meredith will be doing the pruning of the oak tree. The work is scheduled to be completed on September 23<sup>rd</sup> in the morning hours, unless there is severe weather.

The City Manager approved Rist Frost Shumway to proceed with the wetland permitting with a reduced scope of work with the following language: *Perform assessment and develop recommendations for scope of an initial project. Scope is anticipated to include removal of alders, dredging, and addition of native vegetation at edge of pond.*