



## LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – October, 2019

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

#### Current: Overview:

**Union Ave project from Elm to Stark** will be finished from Elm Street to Walnut Street this year. The section from Walnut to Stark will be finished in 2020.

**Court Street from Keasor to Main Street** will be complete this year except for the final surface which will be placed in 2020. The Court Street bridge replacement project is scheduled for 2020. Due to the age of the bridge, NHDOT and the consultant are working with NH Division of Historical Resources to obtain their release to be able to bid and award the project. Current plans are to bid the project this year with a construction date after Labor Day in 2020.

#### Project Status:

Current: Busby has completed underground utility work on **Court Street Phase 2**. The Union/Main/Court intersection has been paved and the remainder of the paving is scheduled for November 1. Busby will be working on raising structures, curbing, sidewalks, crosswalk ramps, traffic signal upgrades and restoration for the next month. Project completion is expected by the end of November.

Liberty Utilities is completing their work to relay its gas main under the **Durkee Brook Bridge**. All work associated with the new gas main is scheduled to be complete by October 31.

Busby Construction Co. has completed all utility work on the **Union Avenue** (Elm St. to Stark St.) project up to Walnut Street. Binder paving was completed this month. Curbing, guardrail, sidewalks, traffic signal upgrades and crosswalk ramps will be complete by the end of October. Final paving of the Elm/Clinton intersection is scheduled for the last week of October. Work north of Walnut Street to Stark Street will resume in 2020.

Final paving was completed on Messer Street and Leewood and Bell Hill Drive this month. Linny Lane paving may be delayed to 2020 depending on weather.

The sidewalk bump out and crosswalk on Beacon Street West is scheduled to be completed in the next 4-6 weeks. The Grant Street sidewalk, from Garfield to Lincoln, is scheduled to be completed in the next 4-6 weeks.

Previous: 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.

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

Current: Public Works and Busby Construction will begin improvements in the Main and Church Street intersection in late October, early November.

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

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

Current: Project is complete.

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

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

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

#### **WEIRS TIF DISTRICT**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

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

Current: The consultants working on a recommendation on improving flow metering in the four communities will have the updated report to the Board's work group on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> and plans to brief the Advisory Board on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. The workgroup is coordinating schedules to meet with the various points of contact in the State agencies to begin discussing the procedures for performing the due diligence phase of the effort to create a Municipal Wastewater Authority.

Previous: 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.

## **WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Current: The Master Plan Steering Committee met on Sept. 24 to discuss the next steps in continuing to implement the recommendations of the 2018 Master Plan. The panel talked about considering a smaller minimum lot size requirement in the RS zone, to consider expanding the areas covered by Performance Zoning and to redefine the requirements and setbacks in the RR2 zone.

Previous: 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.

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

Current: The City is still waiting for a wetlands permit from NHDES that needs to be submitted by Loureiro Engineering. Construction cannot start until Spring of 2020.

The original plan for Bond Beach was to have the work begin in mid-September. However, the design needed altering to allow for ADA compliance. Parks and Recreation just received the revised design from the engineering firm. The firm will send in the revision to NHDES for the permit. This is usually a quick process according to the firm. The contracted company doing the project is planning to install the drainage at the top of the parking lot starting the week of October 28<sup>th</sup>. They will finish the job in the Spring after the ground thaws. This will give us enough time to get the permits needed from NHDES.

Our Department installed the majority of a new water line to the bath house this Fall and we are waiting for the drainage to be completed before finishing our installation. The water line will be placed above the drainage as it is a seasonal line and is winterized.

Previous: 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.

## **NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **WELCOME TO LACONIA SIGNAGE**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **PERLEY POND PROJECT**

Current: The Perley oak was pruned on September 23<sup>rd</sup> by Donovan Tree Services. They did a great job and the tree looks much healthier. We have a date of May 5, 2020 for Donovan to inject the tree with insect repellent for even better health.

A topography study was done of the area and given to RFS Engineering.

The Laconia Parks and Recreation maintenance crew cut back the tall grass around the pond as close as they could on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The area will be maintained in this way in all future mowings.

Previous: 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.