



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – June, 2021

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2021

Current: **Court Street Bridge project.** The redesign of the water main is complete. The dewatering permit has been submitted to the EPA. Water line/drainage construction begins on August 15th to minimize the impact to businesses during the summer tourist season. The bridge closure is scheduled to begin on October 12th.

The Department of Public Works completed the first layer of paving on sections of Belknap Street and McGrath Street, and the full length of Lyford Street and Whipple Ave. The Laconia Water Department completed installing new water main on **Franklin Street**, from Washington Street to Fairmont Street. Public Works continues work on Franklin Street improving the stormwater drainage system and installing new sewer lines that will replace old sewer sweeps at three intersections. Road and sidewalk reconstruction will follow and will continue to the end of the construction season.

Previous: **Court Street Bridge project.** The redesign of the water main is nearly complete. The dewatering permit will be submitted to the EPA this month. The utility construction schedule depends on obtaining approval of the permit and the design of the water main.

The Department of Public Works completed the spring overlay paving projects. Sections of Weirs Blvd., Lakeside Avenue and Shore Drive were paved. The summer and fall paving plan was presented to the City Council at their May 10th meeting. The Laconia Water Department is installing a new water main on **Franklin Street**, from Washington Street to Fairmont Street. Public Works will follow with improvements to the stormwater drainage system and new sewer that will replace old sewer sweeps at three intersections. Road and sidewalk reconstruction will follow and will continue to the end of the construction season.

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 Advisory Board has agreed to a 3-year phase in of the new rate allocation model beginning July 1, 2022 pending a vote on adoption of the model. Several of the member communities' governing bodies have not yet reviewed the proposed model. All are supposed to complete their review by the end of June.

Previous: The Advisory Board continues to work on a new rate allocation model. An updated model was presented to the Board on May 20th. The objective is to have the governing bodies make their decisions on the model before the June 17th meeting of the Advisory Board.

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Current: Park Construction Co. continues construction on the **Southern Lakeport Area Sewer, Water, Drain and Mechanic Street Reconstruction** project with sewer and water installation on Pear Street and Clinton Street. The project includes water and sewer upgrades on Mechanic, Clinton and Prospect Streets and sewer upgrades also on Hill, Cole and Pear Streets. Busby Construction is scheduled to start water main, road, sidewalk and drain reconstruction on Mechanic Street in July. This project will continue until the end of the construction season.

The **Elm Street Area sewer project** (from Franklin Street to Hickory Stick) will be advertised for bid in June with construction expected to start in August. Liberty Utilities completed the first phase of the project, relaying approximately 1,000 ft. of gas main from Franklin Street to School Street to clear the way for the required drainage improvements.

Previous: Park Construction Co. continues construction on the **Southern Lakeport Area Sewer, Water, Drain and Mechanic Street Reconstruction** project with sewer installation on Mechanic Street. The project includes water and sewer upgrades on Mechanic, Clinton and Prospect Streets and sewer upgrades also on Hill, Cole and Pear Streets. Road, sidewalk and drain reconstruction is also scheduled for Mechanic Street this year.

The **Elm Street Area sewer project** (from Franklin Street to Hickory Stick) will be advertised for bid in May with an expected June construction start. Liberty Utilities began the first phase of the project, relaying approximately 1,000 ft. of gas main from Franklin Street to School Street to clear the way for the required drainage improvements.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: A meeting of the Master Plan Steering Committee is scheduled for July 1, 2021.

Previous: No update.

NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE

Current: The statue is complete! It now needs to be colored and shipped here. We just received the drawings of the dimensions of the poles to hold the statue in place. DPW is looking at the drawings to determine if they can help in placing the poles.

Previous: The statue has been completely printed. The next step is to have it painted and shipped here. It will be assembled on site either in place or in the parking lot and placed on the base with a crane.

PERLEY POND PROJECT

Current: No update.

Previous: The Parks Department met with the Conservation Commission to discuss the maintenance plan moving forward at the site. It was decided that the Conservation Commission will stake out the boundary line that the Parks crew will not cross while mowing or trimming. This will delineate where the pond/wetland is even during a drought. The Conservation

Commission will be planting blue irises that will grow 18" – 24" high along the water's edge. There will still be reeds in the water that should not be cut down according to the Conservation Commission.