



## LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – August, 2021

### **LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2021**

Current: **Court Street Bridge project.** The contractor will prepare the construction zone the week of August 16<sup>th</sup> to get ready for construction to start on the drainage and water line work on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The bridge closure is scheduled to begin on October 12th.

**Annual road program.** Belknap, McGrath (Oak to Lyford), and Lyford Street were overlay paved. Water Works has finished the water main on McGrath (Oak to Clairmont), paving will be completed by September.

Busby Construction has completed the water main installation on Mechanic Street. Water services and drainage to follow over the next two weeks. Road and sidewalk reconstruction will be complete by end of the construction season.

Previous: **Court Street Bridge project.** The redesign of the water main is complete. EPA will have the approved permit back to Public Works no later than August 9<sup>th</sup>. The contractor will prepare the construction zone the week of August 9<sup>th</sup> to get ready for construction to start on the water line and drainage work on August 16<sup>th</sup>. The bridge closure is scheduled to begin on October 12th.

**Annual road program.** Round Bay Road was shimmed. Two cross drains must be replaced and one point repair on the drain line before the surface coat of asphalt can be placed. The contractor is raising structures on Belknap, McGrath, and Lyford. Water Works will finish their water line project on McGrath by the end of July. The surface coat of asphalt will be paved on these streets in August. Franklin Street has been completed other than the concrete tip downs for the sidewalks, the surface coat of asphalt and punch list items.

Busby has begun installing the new water line on Mechanic Street. Drainage and road reconstruction will begin after the water line is finished. This project will continue to the end of the construction season.

### **LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

### **WEIRS TIF DISTRICT**

Current: The Weirs TIF District Advisory Board met on August 4th and reviewed the TIF's finances and forecasted having a positive balance in 2023. The Board also intends on reviewing and recommending updates to the City Council for the TIF's developmental projects. Lastly, the Board is excited about the proposed expansion of the City docks and the prospect of the City receiving some federal funds for the project. The TIF Board will meet again February 2, 2022 @ 2PM.

Previous: No update.

## **WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT**

Current: The last municipality agreed to the rate allocation model. The adoption of the new rate allocation is unanimous. On August 19<sup>th</sup> the Board is meeting to approve the implementing instructions for the new model. The Board will also review the AG Office's recommended changes to the Board's proposal for changing the state law on allocating expenses among the member communications for the replacement fund. The fund is a capital account that the program uses for critical maintenance projects that are too large to come from the operations and maintenance account and too small to issue a bond.

Previous: Nine of the 10 member organizations have agreed to the rate allocation model. The member organizations have agreed to implement the new operations and maintenance funding model on July 1, 2022, and phase in the changes over 3 years. The members also have agreed to implement a program to regularly review the rate allocation model to update it based on any changes among the members communities. The first review will be 5 years after beginning the implementation of the new model. The Board, in conjunction with DES, will prepare the implement instructions for the new funding model. The vote to approve the rate allocation funding model and the implementing instructions will occur on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM**

Current: Park Construction Corp. continues construction on the **Southern Lakeport Area Sewer, Water, Drain and Mechanic Street Reconstruction** project. The sewer lines on Hill and Cole Streets were completed this passed month as well as water line on Clinton Street. Water and sewer replacement will be completed on Prospect Street over the next few weeks. This project will continue until the end of the construction season.

Bids were opened on the **Elm Street Area sewer project** (from Franklin Street to Hickory Stick) on July 26, 2021. Park Construction Corp. was the low bidder and will be awarded the contract. Construction is expected to begin in September.

Previous: Park Construction Co. continues construction on the **Southern Lakeport Area Sewer, Water, Drain and Mechanic Street Reconstruction** project. The sewer line on Clinton has been installed up to Prospect Street. The Contractor is now working on the water line up to Prospect Street. Due to the nationwide shortage of materials the contractor's plans for work on Prospect, Hill and Cole will be adjusted based on what materials arrive first.

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.

## **WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Current: The Master Plan Steering Committee continues to meet on a regular basis to discuss potential updates to the Zoning Ordinance. The emphasis of discussion is on how to facilitate construction of affordable housing in the City. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14 at 6:30pm.

Previous: The Master Plan Steering Committee met on July 1 and July 15. Discussed were ideas about how to expand water and sewer availability to additional parts of the city and ways to stimulate construction of moderately priced housing. Next Meeting is scheduled for August 10.

## **NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **PERLEY POND PROJECT**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.