



## **LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – January 2018**

### **LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2017**

Current: Design work is progressing for Court Street and the two Union Avenue projects, as well as Pleasant Street and Merrimac Street. Road construction work is suspended for the winter and will resume in April, weather depending. DPW will be presenting its recommendation for improving traffic flow at the Union/Elm intersection to the City Council at their February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Also, DPW will brief the Council on the results of the Pavement Management Study at the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Previous: Public Works and the consultant reviewed the first draft of the recommendations for the pavement capital improvement program. DPW and the consultant are continuing to review the draft with an objective of presenting the program to the Council in late January or February. The pavement on the connector between Addison Street and Durkee Street, Tower Avenue from Warner Street for approximately 400 feet, Girard Avenue from Gilford Avenue to the end, and Washington Street from Bell Street to Jefferson Street was shimmed. Borings and survey have been completed and a Public Input Session was held on December 14 for the Union Avenue project from Main Street to Gilford Avenue. A kick-off meeting was held with the engineering design team for the Union Avenue project from Stark Street to Elm Street. Borings and survey work on this portion are scheduled to begin in January. The Court Street Project - Phase 1 design is progressing with construction start scheduled for the spring.

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

Current: DPW is continuing to work with the consultant to develop a design for the crushed section of drain that is on the Dutile property. DPW will coordinate with NH DOT's Rail and Transit Bureau to determine permit requirements as part of the crushed pipe is under the toe of the railroad track's slope.

Previous: The pipe under the railroad tracks was inspected the week of December 5, 2017. The TV inspection determined that 95-feet of the drain line from the pipe outlet at Opechee Lake to the opposite side of the railroad is able to be lined. The existing drain pipe under the Dutile Co. tank storage containment area is crushed and will likely need to be re-laid. DPW is working with the design team and NH DOT Railroad to finalize plans and permits. This drain line and the new drain line work at the DPW New England Yard is scheduled for the fall of 2018.

### **LAKESIDE AVENUE**

Current: Project is complete except for some landscaping work that will occur in the spring.

Previous: Stamped cross walks and punch list items have been completed. No additional work is scheduled for this project. DPW will be finalizing project costs this month.

### **LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT**

Current: The January 16, 2018 Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Previous: The Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Justin Slattery of the Belknap EDC gave an update on the Colonial Theater project and discussed how

communication with the Downtown merchants and community can be accomplished as the project progresses. A public information meeting on the two new Riverwalk segments is scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. The engineering consultant for the Riverwalk projects will present the latest concepts. Questions and feedback from the public will be encouraged. Other topics discussed included the Downtown parking garage, the proposed recommendation for banner poles and a master plan for Downtown.

### **WEIRS TIF DISTRICT**

Current: No update.

Previous: Laconia Parks and Recreation is working with the Weirs Action Committee on installation of an irrigation system for the planting beds at the Weirs Beach sign. The Weirs TIF Advisory Board will be meeting after the first of the year on a date to be determined.

### **WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT**

Current: The Advisory Board has not met since the last report. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>. The CIP Subcommittee has started work on obtaining consultants to develop a matrix (road map) of the steps necessary to obtain a decision on creating a municipally operated sanitary sewer system.

Previous: The Advisory Board has not met since the last report. A member of the Advisory Board is having the intermunicipal agreement signed by all member communities. The invoices will be mailed this week to the members to fund the escrow account. The next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for January.

### **WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION**

Current: City officials and the City's engineering consultant Woods Hole Group met with NHDES and Army Corps. of Engineers' representatives on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Wetlands mitigation requirements were discussed and concepts for mitigation options were proposed. Woods Hole Group is in the process of formulating mitigation concepts along with cost estimates for these concepts.

Previous: City officials along with the City's engineering consultant (Woods Hole Group) are meeting with NHDES officials on December 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the potential mitigation requirements and impacts on the project.

### **LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Current: The draft of the Land Use chapter and the Vision statement were presented to the Planning Board on January 9 and the documents are available on the City's website under Planning Department/Master Plan. Comments by citizens or other interested parties are being accepted by email by using the "Email Planning" link on the same web page or at [planning@laconianh.gov](mailto:planning@laconianh.gov) before February 16. The Planning Board will schedule a public hearing on the documents for their March 6 meeting.

Previous: Staff is working on the Land Use chapter and is feeding rough drafts to the Committee members for interactive reviews and comments. The goal is still to produce a final draft for the Planning Board around the first of the year.

### **DES WATERSHED ASSISTANCE GRANT**

Current: The amendment was approved. Construction will continue in the spring of 2018.

Previous: Amendment has been submitted for approval from Governor and Council. Construction expected to continue in the spring 2018.

### **DOG PARK PROJECT**

Current: Funding options are being evaluated based on the proposals presented.

Previous: Request for Proposals have been reviewed. Funding options are being evaluated based on the proposed costs presented.

### **LACONIA DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK**

Current: A public information meeting for the Walgreens (Rowe Court) segment and the City Hall parking lot to Church Street segment was held on December 19<sup>th</sup>. HEB Engineering is in the process of finalizing design plans. Bidding for the two projects is anticipated for March 2018.

Previous: A public information meeting on the two proposed Riverwalk segments is scheduled for December 19<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. At this meeting, the engineering consultant for the Riverwalk projects (HEB Engineering) will present the latest concepts. The project includes a pedestrian bridge over the Perley Canal inlet. Repair work on the riverbank retaining wall north of the City Hall parking lot will need to be part of this project. Final design and environmental approvals are scheduled to be completed in February 2018. Bidding for the two projects is anticipated for March 2018. Construction for the segment behind the Landmark Inn and Walgreens is slated for Spring 2018. Construction for the segment from the City Hall parking lot to Church Street is slated for October 2018 to coincide with the river drawdown.

### **SANBORN PARK AND TARDIF PARK COURT RESURFACING**

Current: Resurfacing of the Sanborn Park basketball court and the Tardif Park basketball/tennis court is slated for mid to late May 2018.

Previous: An RFP was advertised and Vermont Tennis Court Surfacing has been awarded the work. Resurfacing of the Sanborn Park basketball court and the Tardif Park basketball/tennis court is slated for Spring 2018.

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

Current: Loureiro Engineering has been contracted to perform engineering design for the Bartlett Beach and Bond Beach erosion/drainage projects. Survey work has been completed by DPW and the design work is ongoing.