



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – March 2018

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2018

Current: Court Street roadway construction is scheduled to begin in April. We are working with other utilities to coordinate and finalize the design for drainage and sidewalks. Pleasant Street, from Oak Street to North Main Street, is still scheduled to begin this summer. The City Council received feedback on improvements to the Elm Street and Union Ave. intersection and is continuing to look at options to improve traffic flow. Changes to the traffic signal operations are expected to be implemented. Public Works continues to establish funding goals and priorities for the pavement management plan.

Previous: Start of construction on Court Street is scheduled for April, depending on the weather. A Public Information Session for the Court Street project is scheduled for 6:00 pm on February 22, 2018 at the Belknap Mill. An engineering firm has been retained to design the drainage and sewer improvements for Pleasant Street from Oak Street to North Main Street. Construction is scheduled to begin on Pleasant Street in June. DPW briefed the City Council on recommendations for improving traffic flow at the Elm Street and Union Ave intersection. The City Council will consider the recommended options and take comments from the public at the February 26 City Council meeting. DPW briefed the City Council on the Pavement Management Study and the current plan for the 2018 construction season. The next step in the process to develop the program is to establish funding priorities for the different types of roads in the City.

MESSER STREET/DUTILE OIL DRAINAGE

Current: The design has been finalized and is at NH DOT Rail Division for review and approval of our request to put drainage pipes under the tracks. A wetland permit has been approved for the work from NH DES. Public Works may phase this project. The work from the Lake Opechee to the first manhole on the Messer Street side of the rail road tracks will be done this fall during the drawdown. The remainder of the work would be scheduled for the 2019 construction season depending on available funds.

Previous: DPW and our engineering consultant met with NH DOT and NH DES to review proposed repairs to the drain line on the Dutile Oil property. Once the design is finalized, permits can be completed. Construction is scheduled for October 2018 to coincide with the drawdown of Lake Opechee. Public Works is reviewing estimated costs to determine if the construction of the project must be phased due to when funds will be available for the project.

LAKESIDE AVENUE

Current: No updates.

Previous: No updates.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: The next meeting is scheduled for April 12th. For updates to the Downtown Riverwalk projects, refer to the Laconia Downtown Riverwalk item in this update.

Previous: The February 20, 2018 Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update. The next meeting of the Weirs TIF Advisory Board is slated for April 19th.

Previous: The next meeting of the Weirs TIF Advisory Board is slated for April 19th.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: WRBP Advisory Board has not met since the last update. The Advisory Board's CIP Subcommittee has identified two law firms to assist in developing the "roadmap" and is scheduling interviews to select the firm. The NH Senate passed the bill that will direct fines imposed on customers for violating system regulations to the General Fund instead of the WRBP. It is now in the House. The Advisory Group testified at the public hearing against the bill. The WRBP and all of the municipalities have begun an effort to bring the commercial discharge permit program in line with State law. This will require an effort by all municipalities to ensure that commercial enterprises have a permit for their waste water.

Previous: WRBP staff continues to review the results of the flow study. The results from flow meters at three sites are inconsistent and there is no pattern. WRBP staff is working with the consultants to determine a solution. The Advisory Group is attempting to change a proposed NH Senate bill that will direct fines imposed on customers for violating system regulations to the General Fund instead of the WRBP. These fines are used to defray any costs associated with the impacts of the violation on the system. CIP Subcommittee staff has begun the effort to award the contracts to develop a "road map" to develop those actions and the steps municipalities should follow in their effort to obtain a decision on creating a municipal waste water authority.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: Woods Hole Group has provided conceptual level wetlands mitigation plans that are being submitted to NHDES for review as part of the process of determining wetlands mitigation requirements for the beach restoration.

Previous: An update on the project was provided to the Conservation Commission at their meeting on February 13. Parks and Recreation and DPW are working with our engineering consultant, Woods Hole Group, to continue investigate mitigation plans as well as to determine limits of the Army Corps of Engineer's jurisdiction of the Weirs Channel.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: The Planning Board held a public hearing on the proposed document on March 6, 2018, with one member of the public speaking. The Board referred the document to the April 3 meeting for a possible vote to approve the proposed Vision Statement and Land Use chapter.

Previous: The Planning Board voted to schedule a Public Hearing to be held at the March 6, 2018 regular meeting. The Public Hearing will cover the draft of the Land Use chapter and the Vision Statement of the Master Plan. The draft documents are available on the City's website under Planning Department/Master Plan. Comments by citizens or other interested parties are being accepted by e-mail using the "Email Planning" link on the same web page or at planning@laconianh.gov.

DES WATERSHED ASSISTANCE GRANT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

LEZAMA FAMILY HAPPY TAILS DOG PARK PROJECT

Current: Negotiations with the contractor over the scope of work are ongoing. A contract with the selected contractor will be executed if and when a scope of work is agreed upon.

Previous: The project has been awarded to Raymond's Landscaping and Excavation of Concord, NH. The scope of the project is being reviewed with the contractor to meet the available budget.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK

Current: A request for bids for the Walgreen's (Rowe Court) and the City Hall to Church Street segments has been advertised. There will be a pre-bid meeting for interested contractors on March 22nd. Bids are due April 6th. Construction of the segment from the City Hall parking lot to Church Street is slated for October 2018 to coincide with the river drawdown. Construction of the Walgreen's (Rowe Court) segment is slated for Spring 2018.

Previous: HEB Engineering is finalizing design plans. Bidding is anticipated for March 2018. Construction of the segment from the City Hall parking lot to Church Street is slated for October 2018 to coincide with the river drawdown. Construction of the Walgreen's (Rowe Court) segment is slated for Spring 2018.

SANBORN PARK AND TARDIF PARK COURT RESURFACING

Current: No update. Work is slated for May 2018.

Previous: Work is slated for May 2018.

BARTLETT BEACH AND BOND BEACH EROSION/DRAINAGE PROJECTS

Current: Parks and Recreation met with Loureiro Engineering on March 16th to review preliminary plans for drainage/erosion control improvements. Final engineering design plans are anticipated by the end of March.

Previous: The existing conditions assessment has been completed and the consultant, Loureiro Engineering, is working through the engineering analysis and preliminary design. We are anticipating that the preliminary design will be completed by the end of February. Completion of the final design is anticipated by the end of March. Permitting will follow once final design is complete.