



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – July 2018

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2018

Current: Sewer construction is nearing completion on Court Street. Eversource has placed a majority of the new poles and is transferring wires off the old poles to the new poles. Liberty Utilities is still expected to begin gas main work in mid-July. Busby Construction will start drainage work on Court Street in August and progress into roadway and sidewalk work for the remainder of the construction season. Work is expected to begin in mid-July on Pleasant Street. The Union Avenue (Elm to Stark Street) public input session is scheduled for August 16th at City Hall. The design engineering team is progressing with design on the Union Avenue (Main St. to Gilford Ave.) project with an expected construction start in the spring of 2019.

Previous: Busby Construction continues to install new sewer at various locations along Court Street and its side streets. Eversource's contractor, Evans Line, began placing new utility poles. The pole work will continue for the remainder of the summer. Liberty Utilities will begin gas main work on Court Street in mid-July. Work on Pleasant Street is also expected to begin in mid-July. The design engineering team is progressing with design on Union Avenue (from Elm to Stark St). A second public input session for this project is scheduled for August 16th.

MESSER STREET/DUTILE OIL DRAINAGE

Current: The drainage work is on schedule to begin in October 2018. Impacts to the WOW trail during construction are expected with crossings at two separate locations north of the Bisson Avenue cross walk.

Previous: Work is scheduled to begin in October 2018 to coincide with the Opechee Lake drawdown. The drain will be installed in a phased approach with the off-road pipe installation, including crossing under the WOW trail and railroad tracks this year, and the work in Messer Street in FY 2020 (fall of 2019).

BALDWIN STREET AND BOWMAN STREET PROJECT

Current: Sewer, drainage and binder paving are complete on Bowman Street. Busby continues to work on sidewalks and curbing.

Previous: Sewer and paving is complete on Baldwin Street. Busby Construction is completing the remaining sewer on Bowman Street and will begin drain, road and sidewalk work in the next week. Work on Bowman Street is expected to continue for 6-8 weeks.

LAKESIDE AVENUE

Current: The irrigation installation and seasonal plantings have been completed at the Weirs Beach sign island.

Previous: No update. Completion of the irrigation installation and seasonal plantings at the Weirs Beach sign island will occur after Motorcycle Week.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: The Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on July 17th. Updates were given on the Riverwalk projects (see further details in Riverwalk updates section). The City Council

approved funding for a set of banner poles on Main Street just south of the Main Street bridge. City staff is working on determining the exact location based on right of way width and utilities. Other topics of discussion included the Downtown parking garage, enforcement of parking limits on weekends, solar array on the parking garage, lack of a marketplace event, and the status of the Colonial Theater.

Previous: The Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on June 19th. Updates on the Downtown Riverwalk project were given (see further details in Riverwalk updates section). Discussion on a set of banner poles occurred and the request for TIF funding is expected to be brought before the City Council on June 25th. Downtown parking was a main topic of discussion with the City Hall parking lot, Central parking lot and St. Joseph's Church being sites that were identified as having potential opportunities. The delay with the start of the Colonial Theater project was discussed. Further details can be found in meeting minutes posted on the City's website.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: The next meeting is scheduled for August 16th, 2018. The irrigation system and plantings have been completed at the Weirs Beach sign island. New dual trash/recycling containers have been ordered to provide more trash/recycling capacity along Lakeside Avenue with the cost being shared by the Weirs Action Committee and the City.

Previous: No update. The next meeting is scheduled for August 16th, 2018.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The Advisory Board approved its Study Group's comments to WRBP's proposed regulations and has directed the committee to work with WRBP to resolve the differences in the proposed changes between WRBP staff and the Advisory Board. Rath, Young and Pignatelli's attorney will present the road map to the Advisory Board on July 19th. The Advisory Board will be asked to approve the road map and whether to begin the first phase of the road map's plan to create a municipal authority.

Previous: The Advisory Board's CIP Subcommittee has developed comments to WRBP's operating regulations for Advisory Board approval. If approved by the Advisory Board the CIP Subcommittee will work with the WRBP to modify their proposed changes to the operating regulations that go through the State regulation approval process. Rath, Young & Pignatelli provided its first preliminary draft of the road map to the CIP Subcommittee for review on June 14th.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: No update.

Previous: The City's engineering consultant, Woods Hole Group, has submitted a revised scope of work for final design work for the project to incorporate a terraced wetland. NHDES has conceptually approved the terraced wetland concept that has been proposed as a required mitigation element for the project. We are likely looking at construction for the beach restoration and related components in October/November 2019 due to the lengthy permitting process that is anticipated. The project can only occur in the October/November window due to environmental impacts.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: The Master Plan Steering Committee will be reconvening soon to help advise Planning Department staff to start implementing the recommendations in the recently adopted Master Plan update.

Previous: The Planning Board has expressed a desire for the Master Plan Steering Committee to continue and help with the implementation of the suggestions contained in the recently adopted updated Master Plan Land Use chapter. Meanwhile, Planning Department staff is formulating outlines of updates for consideration.

DES WATERSHED ASSISTANCE GRANT

Current: No update

Previous: No update.

LEZAMA FAMILY HAPPY TAILS DOG PARK PROJECT

Current: Construction continues with the installation of the driveway and final grounding in progress. Fencing will occur at the end of the project. Completion of the project is anticipated in August.

Previous: A ground breaking ceremony took place on May 30th. Raymond's Landscaping has cleared the area of trees and construction layout, stump clearing and rough grading is ongoing.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK

Current: Construction on the Landmark/Walgreens section is slated to start at the end of August. The City Hall to Church Street segment will occur just after Columbus Day.

Previous: Busby Construction has been awarded the project for the Landmark/Walgreens segment and the City Hall to Church Street segments. Construction work on the Landmark/Walgreens section will occur this summer. The City Hall to Church Street segment will occur just after Columbus Day.

SANBORN PARK, TARDIF PARK AND LEAVITT PARK COURT RESURFACING

Current: The Leavitt Park basketball courts and the Tardif Park basketball/tennis court have been resurfaced and are now open for use. The Sanborn Park basketball court work is in progress as of July 17th and work is expected to be completed by July 23rd.

Previous: Work has been delayed due to the recent formation of a sinkhole in the Sanborn Park basketball court. DPW will be repairing the sinkhole after Motorcycle Week. The resurfacing contractor has been put on hold until this repair is complete.

BARTLETT BEACH AND BOND BEACH EROSION/DRAINAGE PROJECTS

Current: Funding has been budgeted for erosion and drainage improvements at Bond Beach. A wetlands permit has been submitted NHDES. Construction of these improvements is being targeted for this Fall.

Previous: Final design plans are complete. NHDES permitting is pending conditioned upon available funding for the construction phase. Any construction work will take place in the Fall when beach season is over.