



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – April, 2019

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2019

Current: Busby Construction Co. is continuing utility work on **Court Street** with water main installation in the Court/Union/Main Street intersection. The water main work at the intersection should be complete by April 19th. Busby will then work on the drainage between Keasor Court and Fair Street, followed by sidewalks and roadway reconstruction. Liberty Utilities is working through design issues associated with contaminated soils near the Durkee Brook bridge and will likely re-start their work in July. The second phase of Court Street will begin in July. This phase is from Fair St. to Main Street and includes sewer, drain and sidewalk and roadway reconstruction.

Busby Construction is working on the sewer main on **Union Avenue** (Elm St. to Stark St.). They will continue with sewer main work and then shift to drainage work with roadway and sidewalk reconstruction to follow. Traffic detours are planned, as well as one lane alternating traffic. The objective is to complete the Union/Elm Intersection by Memorial Day so that it can be used as part of the project's traffic control plan during the summer's peak tourist periods. Construction is expected to be complete in November 2019.

Public Works has finalized the list of road improvements for the 2019 construction season. The annual program started with a portion of Pearl Street being reclaimed. It will be paved the week of April 15th. South Main Street from Route 106 to the end of the urban compact zone should also be shimmed the week of April 15th. A surface overlay on this road will occur later this year.

Previous: Work has started on the **Court Street** Improvement project. Test pits are being completed to confirm the location of existing utilities. Liberty Utilities is finalizing plans to relay their gas main under the Durkee Brook bridge between Keasor Court and Addison Street. It may begin at the end of March. Busby Construction Co. will begin drainage work in early April followed by roadway and sidewalk reconstruction. First Busby will finish the work between Keasor Court and Fair Street started last year. The second phase of Court Street will begin this year. This phase is from Fair to Main Street. A public information session on the Court Street project will be held on April 3, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Belknap Mill.

Work is scheduled to resume on **Union Avenue** (Elm St. to Stark St.) in early April. Storm water drainage, sewer, and road and sidewalk work will resume as soon as weather allows. Work will begin at the Union/Elm/Clinton Street intersection and head north toward Stark Street. Traffic detours are expected, as well as one lane alternating traffic. Construction is expected to be complete in November 2019.

Public Works is finalizing our list of road improvements for the 2019 construction season. The proposed list of roads is under review as a result of the new construction cost prices from the low bidder on the road and sidewalk project bids that were opened on March 15, 2019.

ADA IMPROVEMENTS AT FOUR INTERSECTIONS

Current: The design work is underway at the four intersections (Main/Oak, Main/Church, Church/Beacon Street East, Union/Messer). The design firm is completing the design of the hardscape improvements so that the work can be accomplished during breaks in the major

projects construction schedule such as Motorcycle Week and the period around the July 4th holiday.

MESSER STREET/DUTILE OIL DRAINAGE

Current: Liberty Utilities has completed their gas main work within the limits of the project. Water main work is scheduled to begin in May with installation of the new drainage system and paving to follow.

Previous: The gas, water and drain work scheduled for Messer Street between Union Avenue and Bisson Avenue starts in early April, weather depending, and continues through July, 2019. Once the utility work is complete, Messer Street from Bisson to Union will be reclaimed and paved.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update. There will be no meetings until further notice.

Previous: No update. The Board will next meet on March 26th.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update. The Board is scheduled to meet next on May 7th.

Previous: No update. The Board is scheduled to meet next on May 7th.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The consultant continues to work on the feasibility of installing flow meters for the four communities. These communities have also provided all the information necessary to determine alternatives to calculating flow if metering is determined to be infeasible.

Previous: The consultant has collected all of the information it needs to review the feasibility of installing flow meters in the four communities. The consultant is continuing to collect data from these communities to determine an alternative method of estimating flow if it is not feasible to meter them. The Advisory Board leadership is working with its attorney to continue finalizing a memorandum of understanding with the other state agencies on the effort to determine if the communities want to create a municipal waste water authority.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: No update.

Previous: No update. The City Manager will connect with representatives of the NHDES to clarify what next logical steps need to be taken by the City in order to move the project forward.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: At the April 2 meeting, Planning Director Dean Trefethen presented two revised proposals to the Planning Board. The first concerns the consolidated commercial zone which is now proposed to cover the greater downtown area and all of the Court Street and Union Avenue commercial areas and some immediately adjacent parcels. The second concerns a proposal to implement Performance Zoning in the new commercial zone and also at the former State School property and adjacent parcels. These revised proposals will be the subject of public hearings at the May 7 Planning Board meeting. The Master Plan Steering Committee reviewed the latest revisions on April 3 and concurred.

Previous: Planning Director Dean Trefethen presented proposals to the Planning Board detailing Performance Zoning and Downtown Zone consolidation. The Planning Board will have a public hearing on the concepts at their April 2 meeting. Meanwhile, the Steering Committee has suggested expanding the areas in the City identified which will result in further review and another public hearing at the Planning Board level.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK

Current: Busby Construction Co. re-started work on the Riverwalk between Church Street and the City Hall parking lot the week of April 15th. The work by the hotel will wait until after the hotel completes the work on the “siding” on the river side of their building.

Previous: City staff met with Busby Construction on March 8th to discuss completion of the remaining work on the Walgreens/Landmark Inn and the City Hall parking lot to Church Street segments. Work on the City Hall to Church Street segment will begin when weather conditions allow. Fence, sidewalk and final treatments will be completed this spring. Work on the Walgreens/Landmark Inn section will likely occur later in the spring once the Landmark Inn finishes renovation of their building.

BARTLETT BEACH AND BOND BEACH EROSION/DRAINAGE PROJECTS

Current: The Bond Beach project has gone out to bid. The bid will close as of April 25th. There is a construction walk through at the site on April 17th at 2:00 pm.

Previous: The Bond Beach project is ready for bidding. A pre-bid site meeting will occur when weather conditions allow. The wetlands permit has been received. The Bartlett Beach project design is complete and construction of the improvements will occur at this beach when funding is available.

NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE

Current: At the March 18th Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, Assistant Director Amy Lovisek gave an update regarding the Native American sculpture. It was recommended to take the statue down as soon as possible due to safety concerns and the fact that the frost was quickly leaving the ground. The rush was to get a crane over the track during frost to protect it. The crane company was going to use crane pads as well as plywood to protect the track. However, the crane company then said they could not do the job due to standing water near the statue. At that point, the City Council advised that the statue be taken down without worry of saving it. DPW will be in charge of the take down of the statue. It may come down as easily as removing the support beam. Currently the Winnepesaukee Muskrats are looking to do a 3D print of the statue. They are doing the fundraising so the City will not use any money for this project. They will gift the new statue to the City. It will be made of plastic and will be colored the way we want. The Parks and Rec Commission will have final approval for design, color and location where it will go. This will be discussed at their April meeting.

Previous: At the February 19th Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, Parks and Facilities Director Kevin Dunleavy recommended that the statue be taken down for safety reasons. The Commission voted to remove and set aside the statue outside the running track until a plan for its renovation is formulated. The Director recommended that if the statue is renovated a more suitable location be sought because the location inside the running track is problematic for maintenance and accessibility.

MEMORIAL PARK SOFTBALL IRRIGATION

Current: Memorial Park irrigation is on hold at this time. The infield work must be completed before the irrigation can be laid. The original plan was to have the irrigation done first, but we are going to need to use heavy machinery to remove the infield mix and do not want the irrigation lines and heads in the way of this work. It will be done as soon as we can get on the field. Wyatt Park was also approved and irrigation will be completed this spring. This project may be done before Memorial Day.

Previous: No update.

WELCOME TO LACONIA SIGNAGE

Current: No update.

Previous: A revised sign design has been requested and Parks and Recreation is awaiting the new design for approval. Initially, new welcome signs are proposed at Court Street and McIntyre Circle.

PERLEY POND/OPECHEE COVE BRUSH CLEARING

Current: Assistant Recreation & Facilities Director Amy Lovisek spoke with Dean Anson of the Conservation Commission. He has contacted UNH Coop. Extension to speak with their landscape architects regarding possible vegetation that could be planted along the pond to enhance visibility of the pond. He also wants an arborist to give their expertise on the oak tree and provide the City with the best steps to extend the life of the tree. Laconia Parks & Recreation will be a part of this process and will maintain the area per usual. Amy will attend the Conservation Commission meeting on April 24th to discuss this further.

Previous: The Parks and Recreation Director met with the Conservation Commission on February 27th to discuss next steps. No further cutting and clearing will occur until a formal plan for the area has been determined. A meeting will be scheduled with a landscape architect, Parks and Recreation and the Perley Family in the spring of 2019 to determine an approach that is acceptable to the Perley Family.