



## **LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – June, 2019**

### **LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2019**

**Current:** Busby Construction Co. has installed the granite curb in **Court Street Phase 1** and continues to work on sidewalk reconstruction. **Court Street Phase 2** will begin in early July. Phase 2 is from Fair Street to Main Street and includes sewer, stormwater and sidewalk and roadway reconstruction. We are working with Comcast to have them complete their work in conjunction with paving operations on Court and Union.

Liberty Utilities is scheduled to begin work to relay its gas main under the **Durkee Brook Bridge** in July. Liberty Utilities will be using the center turn lane to construct their new gas line. Public Works is working with Liberty Utilities to determine the length of turn lane necessary to construct the line. Public Works will then work with the businesses and residents on Court Street on the routes to get to their driveways.

Busby Construction Co. continues installation of the new sewer stormwater pipes in **Union Avenue** (Elm St. to Stark St.). Liberty Utilities will be relaying approximately 500-ft of gas main in the Chestnut Street area which will allow Busby Construction to continue stormwater pipe installation.

Public Works is working with Busby Construction to shim Lexington from No. Main Street to Primrose Street. The remainder of the annual road program will occur after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Previous:** Busby Construction Co. has paved the first course on **Court Street Phase 1** and continues to work on curb installation and sidewalk reconstruction. Court Street Phase 2 will begin in late June. Phase 2 is from Fair Street to Main Street and includes sewer, stormwater and sidewalk and roadway reconstruction. We are working with Comcast so that they can install their duct work in Court Street and Main Street before Phase 2 roads are paved. Liberty Utilities is scheduled to begin work to relay its gas main under the Durkee Brook Bridge in July. Liberty Utilities will be using the center turn lane to construct their new gas line. Public Works is working with Liberty Utilities to determine the length of turn lane necessary to construct the line. Public Works will then work with the businesses and residents on Court Street on the routes to get to their driveways.

Busby Construction Co. has completed installation of the new sewer and stormwater pipes in the Clinton/Elm intersection on **Union Avenue** (Elm St. to Stark St.). Busby will continue with stormwater and sewer installation heading north on Union Avenue followed by roadway and sidewalk reconstruction as well as improvements to the retaining wall along the southbound lane.

Public Works is working with Busby Construction to shim Lexington from No. Main Street to Primrose Street. The remainder of the annual road program will occur after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The object is to complete this road prior to July 1st. The work on the Harvard Street sidewalk was completed this month.

## **ADA IMPROVEMENTS AT FOUR INTERSECTIONS**

Current: The hardscape design has been completed and given to Busby Construction Co. for review. Public Works is working with the contractor to schedule this work around the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday when they are not working on the Union/Court Street projects due to traffic.

Previous: The hardscape design has been completed and given to Busby Construction Co. for review. Public Works is working with the contractor to schedule this work during Motorcycle Week and the period around the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday when they are not working on the Union/Court Street projects due to traffic.

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

Current: The Water Department continues to install water main on Messer Street between Bisson Avenue and Union Avenue. Stormwater drainage work will begin in early July. The project, including road reconstruction, will be completed in August.

Previous: The water main replacement work has started on Messer Street. Stormwater and roadway improvements will begin in June after Water Works has completed their work. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> Liberty Utilities will begin working on their gas line on Messer Street from Church to Oak Street.

## **LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT**

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

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

## **WEIRS TIF DISTRICT**

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

Previous: The Weirs TIF District Advisory Board met on May 7<sup>th</sup>. There was general discussion concerning the status of the Weirs TIF fund, the unique aspects of Weirs Beach, and the upcoming railroad bridge project. The Board is next scheduled to meet on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT**

Current: The consultant's first report will be presented to the Advisory Board on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The Board, based on that report, will determine if we should continue pursuing flow meters for the four communities or pursue another method to determine flow. The Board's attorney is in the final process of obtaining signatures from the State's stakeholders on their support to the Board's due diligence study.

Previous: The consultant's first report on the feasibility of installing the flow meters is due by the end of the May. If it is found to be unfeasible then the Advisory Board will authorize them to proceed with developing an alternative method for determining flow for billing purposes.

## **WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Current: The City Council is in the process of discussing and considering the proposed Urban Commercial (UC) consolidated district. At the June 4 Planning Board meeting, a third public

hearing on the proposed Performance Zoning overlay was conducted, after which the Board voted to recommend the proposal to the City Council. The Board also discussed a number of minor “housekeeping” type amendments to the Zoning Ordinance resulting from the UC zone.

Previous: At the May 7 meeting, Planning Director Dean Trefethen presented a revised proposal for the Performance Zoning concept which will go to a third public hearing at the June 4 meeting. Also, at the May 7 meeting public hearings were conducted on the proposed consolidated commercial zone, to be called Urban Commercial, and Performance Zoning. The Planning Board voted to approve the Urban Commercial Zone proposal and forward it to the City Council with a recommendation to approve.

### **LACONIA DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK**

Current: The fence on the section of the Riverwalk north of City Hall will be complete by the end of the month. Our consultant is coordinating with the hotel owner to determine their plans for finishing the north side of the hotel. We want to have them complete their work before finishing that section to prevent damage to the new section of the walk.

Previous: Busby Construction Co. completed paving and sidewalk work on the Riverwalk between Church Street and the City Hall parking lot. The fence will be installed in June. The work by the Best Western/Landmark Inn hotel will wait until after the hotel completes the work on the “siding” on the river side of their building.

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

Current: Raymond’s Landscaping LLC. has been awarded the project with the changes made to the original bid. We have removed the new parking lot, tree removal & sign removal from the project. We have added paving of the area near the attendant shack to prevent people from driving on the grass. Work will be done after the beach season.

Previous: Bids were opened on 4/25/19 and the low bid price of \$115,385.70 exceeded the available project funding. Scope and Fee have been reviewed and pending changes will bring the project back to available funding level. Negotiations with the contractor are in process. Schedule of work is likely to occur after the beach season.

### **NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE**

Current: Public Works is still waiting for a five-day stretch of dry weather to protect the field at Opechee.

Previous: Public Works is waiting for a week of dry weather so that its equipment can cross the track and operate in the grass area without tearing it up.

### **MEMORIAL PARK SOFTBALL IRRIGATION**

Current: Work at Memorial Softball Field started on June 11<sup>th</sup> and should be completed within two weeks. The Wyatt Park irrigation project will start immediately after work at Memorial Field is complete.

Previous: No update.

### **WELCOME TO LACONIA SIGNAGE**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

### **PERLEY POND/OPECHEE COVE BRUSH CLEARING**

Current: Laconia Parks & Rec department is working with NH Forest and Lands to find an appropriate arborist to trim dead branches from the oak tree. They will need to follow the State arborist's recommendations for trimming. City Manager Myers met with Councilor Cheney, Mr. Gauthier, P&R Foreman Tim Ford and Rist Frost Shumway's Landscape Architect Joanne Coppinger at the site. They discussed the details of what is proposed. Foreman Ford has been asked to remove the bittersweet from the property near the road. Ms. Coppinger is planning to put a case together to present to NH DES for a wetland permit to dredge and remove the plant life along the water's edge. Once this process is complete we will know what our next steps will be.

Previous: A site visit is scheduled for May 22 which will be attended by the City Manager, Tim Ford from Parks & Rec, and a representative RFS Engineering.