



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

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

**Current:** Busby is completing replacement of the sewer mains on **Court Street Phase 2** the week of August 19<sup>th</sup>. Drain work will follow in the Court/Main/Union intersection. Phase 2 is from Fair Street to Main Street and includes sewer, stormwater and sidewalk and roadway reconstruction. Comcast will complete the installation of their duct banks in conjunction with the road and drain construction on Court and Union. ADA Improvements at the Main/Union/Court intersection will be completed this year.

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

Busby Construction Co. will resume sewer and stormwater work in **Union Avenue** (Elm St. to Stark St.) in August. Sewer, stormwater, road and sidewalk reconstruction are scheduled to be completed to Walnut Street this year. ADA improvements at the Union/Elm Street intersection will be completed this year. Work north of Walnut Street to Stark Street will resume in 2020.

Paving was completed on Grant Street from Garfield to Lincoln, and Lincoln Street, from Grant Street to Academy. Sidewalk reconstruction will follow on Grant Street. The surface overlay on S. Main Street and the shim paving on Leewood and Bell Hill was also completed the week of August 12<sup>th</sup>. The surface overlay on Bell Hill and Leewood will be completed in September.

The surface coat on Linney Lane will be placed this year. The escrow from the development is funding this work per the agreement between the City and the developer.

**Previous:** Busby Construction Co. has completed the sidewalks on **Court Street Phase 1** and will be completing the restoration work within the next few weeks. Work on **Court Street Phase 2** has begun. Busby is presently working on replacing the sewer mains. Phase 2 is from Fair Street to Main Street and includes sewer, stormwater and sidewalk and roadway reconstruction. Comcast will complete their underground work in conjunction with the road and drain construction on Court and Union.

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Busby Construction Co. will continue the installation of the new sewer and stormwater pipes in **Union Avenue** (Elm St. to Stark St.) once Liberty Utilities completes relaying approximately 500 ft. of gas main in the Chestnut Street area.

Paving Lexington from No. Main Street to Primrose Street was completed. Shim paving on Union Ave from Main Street to Winter Street is also complete. The surface overlay on S. Main Street is scheduled for late July/early August.

#### **ADA IMPROVEMENTS AT FOUR INTERSECTIONS**

Current: Public Works and Busby Construction are finalizing the construction details and schedule. First priority is the intersection at Main and Church (Veteran's Square.)

Previous: Public Works is working with Busby Construction to layout the design and finalize costs.

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

Current: Drain installation and the lining of the remaining drain system as well as the sewer is complete. Messer from Bisson to Union was reclaimed and paved with binder the week of August 12th. Curbing will be completed the week of August 19th followed by final paving.

Previous: Water main installation was completed on Messer Street with the exception of one final tie-in which is waiting on completion of the drainage system. Busby Construction began working on the new drainage. The project, including road reconstruction, will be completed in mid-August.

#### **LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update. There is a Downtown TIF District Advisory Board meeting scheduled for July 16, 2019.

#### **WEIRS TIF DISTRICT**

Current: The Weirs TIF District Advisory Board met on August 15, 2019. Discussion was had regarding Weirs Beach Restoration, and the City Manager will discuss mitigation scenarios with NH-DES. Also discussed were the many positive comments received about the historic plaques on the Boardwalk; there will be more signs installed in the future on the section toward the beach. The next meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 2 pm in City Hall, Room 200B.

Previous: No update.

#### **WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT**

Current: The Advisory Board received the signed letter of agreement from the AG's office on their support to the communities' effort to obtain a final decision on creating a separate waste water authority. The Board is working on a proposal to change the State law on the program's replacement fund which is the reserve for capital improvement repairs to the program's system. The consultants have submitted a draft of their first report. The subcommittee and program's staff reviewed the draft report, and have comments and corrections that will affect the recommendations in this report. The subcommittee is scheduling a meeting to review the comments with the consultant.

Previous: The Advisory Board's attorney is expecting to receive the letter of agreement from the Attorney General's office the week of July 15th on cooperating with the municipalities' efforts to obtain a final decision on creating a separate waste water authority. The Board's

subcommittee met with the consultant working on the flow meter study for the four communities and have reoriented their efforts to ensure that they first determine if flow meters will have a significant impact on the accuracy of the total flow from the four communities.

### **WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

### **LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Current: With the recent adoption of the Urban Commercial (UC) Zone, a number of “housekeeping” amendments are now before the City Council for adoption. These amendments will insert the new UC zone into Chapter 235 as needed, and remove reference to the old zoning districts that have been abolished. The Master Plan Steering Committee will be meeting soon to consider other recommendations made by the 2018 Master Plan.

Previous: The City Council has adopted the Urban Commercial (UC) Zone which encompasses all of the traditional downtown area and much of the previously existing commercial areas along Court Street and Union Avenue. The Council has also adopted the Performance Zoning concept which will be an overlay on the UC zone and the area including and surrounding the former State School property. The Planning Board is recommending a number of minor “housekeeping” type amendments to the Zoning Ordinance resulting from the adoption of the UC zone.

### **LACONIA DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK**

Current: Final restoration and clean-up will be completed in August on the Riverwalk between the City Hall parking lot and Church Street and along Rowe Court behind the new Best Western.

Previous: Fence installation began in July on the Riverwalk between the City Hall parking lot and Church Street. Work to complete the Riverwalk behind the new Best Western, along Rowe Court, is scheduled to be completed in July.

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

Current: The erosion/drainage project at Bond Beach is still on hold through Labor Day. Bartlett Beach has its design completed, and the engineering firm is now pulling wetland permits from the NHDES. Once those are complete we will send out the RFP for construction.

Previous: No updates. We are still waiting for the end of the beach season to work on this project. Raymond’s Landscaping has confirmed that the project will be ready to go after Labor Day.

### **NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE**

Current: The Winnepesaukee Muskrats have decided on a firm to print the statue. The process will cost significantly more money than expected. Their plan is to fundraise throughout the fall/winter and have the statue ready for summer of next year, hopefully just before July 4<sup>th</sup>. DPW is planning to take the re-bar out of the base of the statue which will then allow removal of the temporary fencing.

Previous: Public Works took the statue down on July 1<sup>st</sup> without incident. Unfortunately, and as we suspected, the wood was completely rotted and there were no parts of the statue that were reusable. The new statue is on hold at the moment. The Winnepesaukee Muskrats are looking at pricing for the 3D printing. Once a company is selected, it will take about seven weeks to complete.

## **WELCOME TO LACONIA SIGNAGE**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **PERLEY POND PROJECT**

Current: Donavan Tree Experts from Meredith will be doing the pruning of the oak tree. The work is scheduled to be completed on September 23<sup>rd</sup> in the morning hours, unless there is severe weather.

The City Manager approved Rist Frost Shumway to proceed with the wetland permitting with a reduced scope of work with the following language: *Perform assessment and develop recommendations for scope of an initial project. Scope is anticipated to include removal of alders, dredging, and addition of native vegetation at edge of pond.*

Previous: The City is going out to bid for the services of a qualified arborist for the oak tree. The City Manager is taking into consideration a scope of services from Rist Frost Shumway and has received clarification in regards to wetland permitting versus shoreland permitting. We will need a wetland permit to work in or around any water. The knotweed on the right of the park has been removed from our property.