



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – November, 2022

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2022

Current: The road construction projects on **Massachusetts Avenue, Jefferson Street, North Street, Van Buren, Franklin Street, Addison Street and Durkee Street**, have been completed. The contractor is working on correcting all items on the “punch list”. Those not completed before winter will be completed in the spring of 2023

Previous: Stormwater replacement and sidewalk on **Massachusetts Avenue** is complete; we are waiting on a schedule for placing final pavement surface. Shim paving coat on **Addison Street, Durkee Street, and Van Buren Street** is complete. The subbase for the sidewalks on **Jefferson Street** is complete. Final paving on these streets and sidewalks will be completed in October. **Franklin Street** asphalt curb, sidewalks and final paving will be completed this month. All projects will be completed by early November.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

LACONIA LAKEPORT TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The Department of Environmental Services' Water Division Director and WRBP Administrator will brief the Council on the program's FY 2024 budget increase at the Council's November 28, 2022 meeting.

Previous: WRBP provided the member communities with a copy of their submission for inclusion in the 2024/25 biennial state budget. They are requesting a 26% increase in FY 2024. They have not provided information on the distribution of these costs. Laconia's share in the increase is \$645,000.

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Current: Three firms submitted bids for the **Northern Lakeport Sewer Project**. Park Construction, the company that replaced the sewer on Elm Street, was the lowest bid. The project should be awarded in December with an estimated start date in April of 2023.

Previous: The **Northern Lakeport Area Sewer** project has been advertised. Bids are due on October 31st. This project will improve sewers on portions of **Fairmont Street, Belvidere Street, School Street, North Street, and Sheridan Street**. This project is anticipated to start in the spring of 2023.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: The Committee met on October 27, 2022 and had a spirited discussion about the ramifications of the proposed development at the former State School property. Concerns were expressed about the City, particularly the Planning Department, having the necessary resources to handle the approvals and monitoring of a development of this size. Staff's response was that the City will need to contract with outside firms to help with reviews, approvals and inspections and that this was expected and would generally be paid for by the developer. Concerns were also expressed about the state of the City's Master Plan, which staff vigorously defended as being adequate. The next meeting has not been scheduled.

Previous: The MPSC met on September 29 and again discussed modifying height restrictions in the UC and CR zones with no recommendation approved. There was also a proposal to allow the Minor Site Plan Committee to handle multi-family site plans up to four units. This will go before the Planning Board for consideration in the near future. The next meeting is October 27, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE

Current: The statue has been relocated to the Wilson Court property for winter storage. We are awaiting engineering.

Previous: The statue has been delivered and is located behind the LFD. It is awaiting engineering to install the statue onto its base. It will need to be painted and then assembled.

DOWNTOWN TREE PROJECT

Current: There will be another phase to this project, but that will not be for a few years. This phase is complete.

Previous: No update.