



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – December, 2022

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2022

Current: The City's road program contract has expired. The request for bids for the calendar year 2023 program will go out to bid in January. Public Works has developed the paving schedule for calendar year 2023. The plan will be updated depending on the impact of winter on the roads and the program's budget for FY 2023.

Previous: 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.

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: Representatives of the Winnepesaukee River Basin Project briefed the City Council on November 28, 2022 regarding their proposed budget for FY 2023/2024. The State's team that prepares the Governor's budget has not made any changes to the Program's proposed 26% budget increase. Laconia's share of the budget increase is \$707,000 which resulted in the Department and its consultant adjusting a proposed increase in sewer rates to pay for the Program's short notice rate increase.

Previous: 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.

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Current: The Department is reviewing its construction plans for calendar year 2023. The WRBP's 26% budget increase impacts the City's sewer capital improvement program. The

Department is reviewing its budget and has proposed a rate increase to ensure the system continues to meet EPA's permit requirements.

Previous: 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.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: No update.

Previous: 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.

NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE

Current: No update.

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