



## **LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – February, 2023**

### **LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2022**

Current: The due date for the bids for the CY2023 Road Program was changed to February 22<sup>nd</sup> due to questions from prospective bidders. The contract will be awarded the week of February 27<sup>th</sup>. Roads scheduled for this construction season are: Summer St, Paugus St, Elm St (Hickory Stick to Rt 106), Daisy Gardner Rd (Meredith Center to Leighton), and Eastman Rd (Meredith Center to End). The preconstruction meeting on the Public Works managed Weirs Blvd water main replacement project is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The replacement project will occur this spring.

Previous: Public Works held the Road Program Pre-Bid Meeting on Jan 17<sup>th</sup> with various interested contractors in attendance. Final bids are due February 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 Governor as part of his budget submission proposed a 10% pay raise for state employees. The WRBP Administrator is working with DES' Finance Office to determine the impact on its budget and whether it will have to raise rates above what they predicted in Sept 2022. The WRBP Advisory Board's consultant is in the final stages of completing the improvements to the rate model that will be used in the future to determine member communities share of the Program's operation and maintenance costs. The Board is working on a proposal to submit to NHDES on the notice the municipalities require before any significant rate increase is implemented.

Previous: The Winnepesaukee River Basin Project provided an estimate of their anticipated budget overages for FY2023. The City's share of the overage is \$393,000. The City will receive a bill for this overage in October.

## **SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM**

Current: City Council approved the Sanitary Sewer Fund (SSF) rate increase for the next 10 years. The projected revenue should be enough to cover all O&M costs to meet DES and EPA standards/permits. The SSF has 3 staff; a Collections System Coordinator (manager) and two Operators. As of now, we have 2 positions open (Coordinator and Operator). The DPW Asst. Dir. will be filling in significantly for the Coordinator.

Previous: Finance and Public Works developed a rate increase based on bonding all capital improvement projects and limiting the capital improvement program to \$1 million a year. The Finance Committee will recommend that the City Council adopt the proposed rate increases.

## **WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

## **NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE**

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.