



## **LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – October 2017**

### **LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2017**

Current: The School District's parking lot was completed. One puddling issue remains and will be addressed the week of October 23. North Main Street was paved with the top coat on Tuesday, October 10. Punch list items and striping remains on North Main Street. Winter, Autumn and Adams Streets were final paved and loaming, seeding and clean-up was completed. Veteran's Square was final paved. All traffic signal loops at Veteran's Square are repaired. Busby will be re-establishing the gravel access road to the M/S Mount Washington pier and perform drain pipe repairs on Tower Avenue the week of October 16<sup>th</sup>. The City's traffic signal contractor is scheduling the installation of the camera at the Union Avenue/Church Street intersection and changing the programming of the Union/Elm Street traffic signal. A public input session for Court Street was held September 21. A second public input session will be scheduled for this winter. A revised proposal was received for Union Avenue from Main Street to Gilford Avenue. Survey and borings are scheduled to begin the first week of November. A public input session is scheduled for Thursday, December 14 for this section of Union Avenue. An initial meeting was held with the engineering firm selected to design the work on Union Avenue from Elm to Stark. The team assessing the condition of the roads completed data gathering the week of October 9. An initial report will be issued in the next three weeks. Pavement shimming is being proposed for the connector between Addison Street and Durkee Street, on Tower Avenue from Warner Street for approximately 400 feet, and on Girard Avenue from Gilford Avenue to the end.

Previous: Busby started working on the punch list items for the School District's project on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Busby also ground the pavement on the road edges along North Main Street and the area of Veteran's Square that was excavated for the water line that was installed to the old church building. North Main St. is scheduled to have the shim layer placed on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The following week they will raise the structures in the road in preparation for the final surface layer of asphalt. Busby is scheduled to start raising structures on Lakeside Avenue beginning Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Busby and Public Works are developing the schedule for placing concrete in the crosswalks to ensure minimal impact to the public during installation and its initial cure period. The binder layer for the sidewalks on Winter and Adams Streets have been placed. The final surface layer has not been scheduled yet. The public input session for Court Street is scheduled for Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. Public Works has reviewed the consultant's proposal for Union Ave for the work between Main Street and Gilford Avenue and they are updating their proposal based on these comments. The team assessing the condition of the roads began working in the City on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

Current: An inspection of the pipe from the Dutile property under the railroad to the outlet at Lake Opechee will be inspected by video camera in October.

Previous: No change.

## **LAKESIDE AVENUE**

Current: Busby began preparing Lakeside Avenue for final paving which is scheduled for the week of October 23. The stamped concrete crosswalks will be placed following the paving.

Previous: Stamped concrete sidewalks, raising sanitary sewer manhole frames and covers, final wearing course of pavement and pavement markings will commence on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT**

Current: The Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on September 26. The primary topic of discussion at the meeting revolved around Downtown TIF funds being used for Colonial Theater improvements. The Board discussed recommending the use of TIF funding for the public spaces at the theater and that the TIF Development Plan be revised to include the Colonial Theater as an identified project. The next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The engineering consultant firm completed their regularly scheduled inspection of the parking garage and provided recommendations for additional shoring supports on the ramp to the second level. This work will be scheduled with our on call contractor in October.

Previous: The Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board submitted a letter to the City Council expressing concerns over the current condition and future plans for the Downtown Parking Garage. The Board also expressed interest in assisting the City Council in determining the future of the garage. The Board offered specific ideas that the City Council could consider in the short and long term. The next meeting of the Advisory Board is on September 26, 2017.

## **WEIRS TIF DISTRICT**

Current: The Weirs TIF Advisory Board met on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Updates on remaining Lakeside Avenue improvements were given. The City Manager gave the Board some information on the parking revenue that was received this summer. Other topics discussed included water services for irrigation of plantings, parking space numbering, interpretive signage, banners, new waste containers and the current status of the TIF District funding.

A final trench patch will be completed during pavement prep on Lakeside Avenue.

Previous: Water Works will be installing a new water service to the Weirs Beach sign planting area from the water main in Route 3. This work is scheduled to take place on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The next Weirs TIF District Advisory Board meeting has been rescheduled to October.

## **WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT**

Current: The WRBP CIP Subcommittee has completed its review of the 10 year CIP and is recommending the Advisory Board approve the program. The next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Oct 17<sup>th</sup>.

Previous: The WRBP member communities have agreed to the funding methodology for the consultants developing the road map. The CIP Subcommittee has begun the process to select the legal consultant necessary to identify the legal and legislative tasks necessary for creating the road map. The Advisory Board's next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. The CIP Subcommittee has been reviewing WRBP's proposal for FY 2019-2027. The subcommittee will complete its analysis and recommendation in time for the October Advisory Board meeting.

## **WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION**

Current: A pre-application meeting with NHDES and various other State of NH entities is now scheduled for November. City staff and our engineering consultant are gathering the required information for this meeting.

Previous: A conference call with the project engineering consultant, DPW staff and Parks staff took place on September 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss next steps. A meeting with NHDES Mitigation staff is being planned for mid-October to discuss mitigation requirements for the project.

## **LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Current: The Master Plan Steering Committee has started drafting the Land Use chapter. Meetings will continue on a regular basis through the end of the year. On October 11 the Committee hosted renowned economist Russ Thibeault who shared his thoughts and comments on the concepts the Committee has been considering.

Previous: The Master Plan Steering Committee has met several times since forming in May. The committee has drafted a Vision Statement and has had considerable discussion about concepts to include in the Land Use chapter. The current timeline has the committee producing final documents late fall of this year.

## **DES WATERSHED ASSISTANCE GRANT**

Current: Water quality monitoring was completed on October 9. An amendment is being drafted to provide for a time extension and re-allocation of grant funding to align with costs to date. The M/S Mt. Washington gravel access road restoration will take place this month.

Previous: Quarterly progress reports have been submitted to NH DES. Two additional BMP implementations are scheduled for late September/early October. Water quality monitoring will continue this fall.

## **DOG PARK PROJECT**

Current: The City has signed a joint use agreement with Eversource for use of the land under the transmission line for an access drive to the proposed dog park. An RFP will be issued and reviewed in the upcoming weeks to secure a contractor for the construction. Other tasks remaining include finalizing the agreement with the Happy Tails organization for oversight of the park and working with the donor on funding aspects of the project.

Previous: Additional survey work was performed by Steve Smith Associates to meet project review requirements of Eversource. Rokeh Consulting Engineering is working with Eversource and Happy Tails Dog Park to finalize a joint use agreement to access the dog park under the Eversource transmission line. Eversource is reviewing the project elements in the transmission corridor.

## **ROBBIE MILLS WATER SUPPLY**

Current: Project is 95% complete with some minor electrical work to be completed. The irrigation system is operational. The system will be fully operational when the facility opens for the season next spring.

Previous: Gilford Well is currently performing waterline connections, expansion tank installation and electrical work from the new wells to the concession stand building. Work to be completed includes the setup of a transducer valve to shut off the water supply to the storage tank. Loaming and seeding of disturbed areas will occur when all excavation is complete.

### **LACONIA RIVERWALK**

Current: City staff will be meeting with HEB Engineering the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss engineering evaluation of existing retaining walls. The project schedule will also be discussed at this meeting. HEB Engineering continues to work on preliminary design.

Previous: Base mapping work has been submitted to the project engineering consultant, HEB Engineering. Preliminary design is ongoing. Construction of new Riverwalk segments is now planned for the 2018 construction season

### **NORMANDIN SQUARE (BUSY CORNER) PARK IMPROVEMENT**

Current: Project is complete. Additional fall plantings were added for the season.

Previous: With the exception of the installation of a water meter/backflow enclosure, the project is complete. Some annuals will be planted for the fall season to enhance the gardens and add color.