



## **LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – November 2017**

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

Current: The one puddling issue that remained at the School District building was addressed on Friday, November 3. A drop inlet was installed to drain this area. Striping North Main Street is complete. Survey and borings began the week of November 13th on Union Avenue between Main Street and Gilford Avenue. A public input session is scheduled for Thursday, December 14 for this section of Union Avenue. DPW met with the consultant to review the initial results of the pavement survey. A second meeting is scheduled for December and a presentation to the City Council is expected for January 2018. A pavement shim treatment is scheduled for the connector between Addison Street and Durkee Street, Tower Avenue from Warner Street for approximately 400 feet, Girard Avenue from Gilford Avenue to the end, and Washington Street from Bell Street to Jefferson Street.

Previous: 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.

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

Current: No change. Inspection was delayed due to rain and is expected to be rescheduled for the week of December 4<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

Previous: 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.

### **LAKESIDE AVENUE**

Current: Lakeside Avenue was paved with the top coat on Friday, October 27. Punch list work will be completed the week of November 6. The stamped concrete crosswalks installation is scheduled for November 21 and 22.

Previous: 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.

### **LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT**

Current: The Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Riverwalk project updates were given and a public presentation of the preliminary design for two new segments is slated for December or January. Construction for the Walgreens segment is slated for Spring 2018 with the construction of the City Hall to Church Street segment slated for Fall 2018 to coincide with the river drawdown. The Advisory Board will be looking to get on the agenda of the Land and Buildings sub-committee of the City Council to discuss the future of the parking garage. Other topics discussed included pedestrian safety, construction impacts in downtown, downtown zoning, banner poles and Colonial Theater construction impacts.

The on-call contractor for the parking garage is scheduled to begin shoring repairs and new installations the week of November 6.

Previous: 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.

### **WEIRS TIF DISTRICT**

Current: Weirs Action Committee is proposing to install historical interpretive signs on the north end of the Boardwalk. The Weirs TIF Advisory Board will be meeting after the first of the year on a date to be determined.

Previous: 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.

### **WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT**

Current: The WRBP Advisory Board approved the 10 year CIP. All municipalities have agreed to participate in the development of the road map for obtaining the decision on whether to create a separate waste water authority. The intermunicipal agreement has been reviewed by all parties and the invoices to the member communities are in the process of being prepared.

Previous: 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>.

## **WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION**

Current: Several phone calls have been held between the City, the engineering consultant and the state regulators to determine the scope of potential mitigation and impacts on the project viability.

Previous: 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.

## **LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Current: The Master Plan Steering Committee met on October 11 with economist Russ Thibeault and discussed trends in the state that affect Laconia, some different ways to present zoning updates, and areas in the community to pay special attention to for the future. The Committee also met on November 11 to discuss the followup to the previous meeting and give direction to staff on continuing efforts to draft the Land Use chapter. The full effort going forward will be to have the Land Use chapter produced.

Previous: 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.

## **DES WATERSHED ASSISTANCE GRANT**

Current: An amendment has been submitted for review for a time extension and reallocation of funds. Review comments were received. The amendment will be finalized and submitted for approval. The M/S Mt. Washington gravel access road restoration was completed in October.

Previous: 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.

## **DOG PARK PROJECT**

Current: An RFP was issued to secure a contractor and proposals were due on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The proposals are in the process of being reviewed.

Previous: 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.

## **ROBBIE MILLS WATER SUPPLY**

Current: The system has been winterized and will be ready for use next spring. Project complete.

Previous: 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.

## **LACONIA RIVERWALK**

Current: Riverwalk preliminary design is ongoing. A public presentation of the preliminary design for two new segments is slated for December or January. Construction for the Walgreens segment is slated for Spring 2018 with the construction of the City Hall to Church Street segment slated for Fall 2018 to coincide with the river drawdown.

City staff met with HEB Engineering and discussed the project scope and intent, specifically for the new pedestrian bridge proposed adjacent to the City Hall parking lot and Laconia Spa and replacement of the river/retaining wall at City Hall Riverwalk.

Previous: 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.