



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – February 2018

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2017

Current: Start of construction on Court Street is scheduled for April, depending on the weather. A Public Information Session for the Court Street project is scheduled for 6:00 pm on February 22, 2018 at the Belknap Mill. An engineering firm has been retained to design the drainage and sewer improvements for Pleasant Street from Oak Street to North Main Street. Construction is scheduled to begin on Pleasant Street in June. DPW briefed the City Council on recommendations for improving traffic flow at the Elm Street and Union Ave intersection. The City Council will consider the recommended options and take comments from the public at the February 26 City Council meeting. DPW briefed the City Council on the Pavement Management Study and the current plan for the 2018 construction season. The next step in the process to develop the program is to establish funding priorities for the different types of roads in the City.

Previous: Design work is progressing for Court Street and the two Union Avenue projects, as well as Pleasant Street and Merrimac Street. Road construction work is suspended for the winter and will resume in April, weather depending. DPW will be presenting its recommendation for improving traffic flow at the Union/Elm intersection to the City Council at their February 12th meeting. Also, DPW will brief the Council on the results of the Pavement Management Study at the February 12th meeting.

MESSER STREET/DUTILE OIL DRAINAGE

Current: DPW and our engineering consultant met with NH DOT and NH DES to review proposed repairs to the drain line on the Dutile Oil property. Once the design is finalized, permits can be completed. Construction is scheduled for October 2018 to coincide with the drawdown of Lake Opechee. Public Works is reviewing estimated costs to determine if the construction of the project must be phased due to when funds will be available for the project.

Previous: DPW is continuing to work with the consultant to develop a design for the crushed section of drain that is on the Dutile property. DPW will coordinate with NH DOT's Rail and Transit Bureau to determine permit requirements as part of the crushed pipe is under the toe of the railroad track's slope.

LAKESIDE AVENUE

Current: No updates.

Previous: Project is complete except for some landscaping work that will occur in the spring.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: The February 20, 2018 Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12.

Previous: The January 16, 2018 Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: The next meeting of the Weirs TIF Advisory Board is slated for April 19th.

Previous: No update.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: WRBP staff continues to review the results of the flow study. The results from flow meters at three sites are inconsistent and there is no pattern. WRBP staff is working with the consultants to determine a solution. The Advisory Group is attempting to change a proposed NH Senate bill that will direct fines imposed on customers for violating system regulations to the General Fund instead of the WRBP. These fines are used to defray any costs associated with the impacts of the violation on the system. CIP Subcommittee staff has begun the effort to award the contracts to develop a “road map” to develop those actions and the steps municipalities should follow in their effort to obtain a decision on creating a municipal waste water authority.

Previous: The Advisory Board has not met since the last report. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18th. The CIP Subcommittee has started work on obtaining consultants to develop a matrix (road map) of the steps necessary to obtain a decision on creating a municipally operated sanitary sewer system.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: An update on the project was provided to the Conservation Commission at their meeting on February 13. Parks and Recreation and DPW are working with our engineering consultant, Woods Hole Group, to continue investigate mitigation plans as well as to determine limits of the Army Corps of Engineer’s jurisdiction of the Weirs Channel

Previous: City officials and the City’s engineering consultant Woods Hole Group met with NHDES and Army Corps. of Engineers’ representatives on December 21st. Wetlands mitigation requirements were discussed and concepts for mitigation options were proposed. Woods Hole Group is in the process of formulating mitigation concepts along with cost estimates for these concepts.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: The Planning Board voted to schedule a Public Hearing to be held at the March 6, 2018 regular meeting. The Public Hearing will cover the draft of the Land Use chapter and the Vision Statement of the Master Plan. The draft documents are available on the City’s website under Planning Department/Master Plan. Comments by citizens or other interested parties are being accepted by e-mail using the “Email Planning” link on the same web page or at planning@laconianh.gov.

Previous: The draft of the Land Use chapter and the Vision statement were presented to the Planning Board on January 9 and the documents are available on the City’s website under Planning Department/Master Plan. Comments by citizens or other interested parties are being accepted by email by using the “Email Planning” link on the same web page or at planning@laconianh.gov before February 16. The Planning Board will schedule a public hearing on the documents for their March 6 meeting.

DES WATERSHED ASSISTANCE GRANT

Current: No update.

Previous: The amendment was approved. Construction will continue in the spring of 2018.

DOG PARK PROJECT

Current: The project has been awarded to Raymond's Landscaping and Excavation of Concord, NH. The scope of the project is being reviewed with the contractor to meet the available budget.

Previous: Funding options are being evaluated based on the proposals presented.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK

Current: HEB Engineering is finalizing design plans. Bidding is anticipated for March 2018. Construction of the segment from the City Hall parking lot to Church Street is slated for October 2018 to coincide with the river drawdown. Construction of the Walgreen's (Rowe Court) segment is slated for Spring 2018.

Previous: A public information meeting for the Walgreens (Rowe Court) segment and the City Hall parking lot to Church Street segment was held on December 19th. HEB Engineering is in the process of finalizing design plans. Bidding for the two projects is anticipated for March 2018.

SANBORN PARK AND TARDIF PARK COURT RESURFACING

Current: Work is slated for May 2018.

Previous: Resurfacing of the Sanborn Park basketball court and the Tardif Park basketball/tennis court is slated for mid to late May 2018.

BARTLETT BEACH AND BOND BEACH EROSION/DRAINAGE PROJECTS

Current: The existing conditions assessment has been completed and the consultant, Loureiro Engineering, is working through the engineering analysis and preliminary design. We are anticipating that the preliminary design will be completed by the end of February. Completion of the final design is anticipated by the end of March. Permitting will follow once final design is complete.

Previous: Loureiro Engineering has been contracted to perform engineering design for the Bartlett Beach and Bond Beach erosion/drainage projects. Survey work has been completed by DPW and the design work is ongoing.