



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – December 2017

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2017

Current: Public Works and the consultant reviewed the first draft of the recommendations for the pavement capital improvement program. DPW and the consultant are continuing to review the draft with an objective of presenting the program to the Council in late January or February. The pavement on 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 was shimmed. Borings and survey have been completed and a Public Input Session was held on December 14 for the Union Avenue project from Main Street to Gilford Avenue. A kick-off meeting was held with the engineering design team for the Union Avenue project from Stark Street to Elm Street. Borings and survey work on this portion are scheduled to begin in January. The Court Street Project - Phase 1 design is progressing with construction start scheduled for the spring.

Previous: 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.

MESSER STREET/DUTILE OIL DRAINAGE

Current: The pipe under the railroad tracks was inspected the week of December 5, 2017. The TV inspection determined that 95-feet of the drain line from the pipe outlet at Opechee Lake to the opposite side of the railroad is able to be lined. The existing drain pipe under the Dutile Co. tank storage containment area is crushed and will likely need to be re-laid. DPW is working with the design team and NH DOT Railroad to finalize plans and permits. This drain line and the new drain line work at the DPW New England Yard is scheduled for the fall of 2018.

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

LAKESIDE AVENUE

Current: Stamped cross walks and punch list items have been completed. No additional work is scheduled for this project. DPW will be finalizing project costs this month.

Previous: 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.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: The Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on December 19th. Justin Slattery of the Belknap EDC gave an update on the Colonial Theater project and discussed how communication with the Downtown merchants and community can be accomplished as the project progresses. A public information meeting on the two new Riverwalk segments is scheduled for December 19th at City Hall. The engineering consultant for the Riverwalk projects will present the latest concepts. Questions and feedback from the public will be encouraged. Other topics discussed included the Downtown parking garage, the proposed recommendation for banner poles and a master plan for Downtown.

Previous: The Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on November 21st. 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.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: Laconia Parks and Recreation is working with the Weirs Action Committee on installation of an irrigation system for the planting beds at the Weirs Beach sign. The Weirs TIF Advisory Board will be meeting after the first of the year on a date to be determined.

Previous: 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.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The Advisory Board has not met since the last report. A member of the Advisory Board is having the intermunicipal agreement signed by all member communities. The invoices will be mailed this week to the members to fund the escrow account. The next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for January.

Previous: 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.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: City officials along with the City's engineering consultant (Woods Hole Group) are meeting with NHDES officials on December 21st to discuss the potential mitigation requirements and impacts on the project.

Previous: 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.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: Staff is working on the Land Use chapter and is feeding rough drafts to the Committee members for interactive reviews and comments. The goal is still to produce a final draft for the Planning Board around the first of the year.

Previous: 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.

DES WATERSHED ASSISTANCE GRANT

Current: Amendment has been submitted for approval from Governor and Council. Construction expected to continue in the spring 2018.

Previous: 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.

DOG PARK PROJECT

Current: Request for Proposals have been reviewed. Funding options are being evaluated based on the proposed costs presented.

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

LACONIA RIVERWALK

Current: A public information meeting on the two proposed Riverwalk segments is scheduled for December 19th at City Hall. At this meeting, the engineering consultant for the Riverwalk projects (HEB Engineering) will present the latest concepts. The project includes a pedestrian bridge over the Perley Canal inlet. Repair work on the riverbank retaining wall north of the City Hall parking lot will need to be part of this project. Final design and environmental approvals are scheduled to be completed in February 2018. Bidding for the two projects is anticipated for March 2018. Construction for the segment behind the Landmark Inn and Walgreens is slated for Spring 2018. Construction for the segment from the City Hall parking lot to Church Street is slated for October 2018 to coincide with the river drawdown.

Previous: 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.

SANBORN PARK AND TARDIF PARK COURT RESURFACING

Current: An RFP was advertised and Vermont Tennis Court Surfacing has been awarded the work. Resurfacing of the Sanborn Park basketball court and the Tardif Park basketball/tennis court is slated for Spring 2018.