



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – November, 2018

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2018

Current:

Bond Funded Projects:

A majority of the drainage system was completed on **Court Street** and the road was temporarily paved for the winter. Areas where the telephone duct bank are in conflict with the drainage will be completed in the spring of 2019 after the duct bank is abandoned. Sidewalks and final roadway work will be completed in the spring. Weather permitting, a shim coat of asphalt will be applied on Court Street from Fair Street to the Cumberland Farms and from Addison Street to Keasor Court.

Work began on **Union Avenue (Elm to Stark Street)**. A section of water main was replaced and of the new drainage in the Union/Clinton Street intersection. Weather permitting, additional drainage work will be completed in the Elm Street intersection. The object is to complete enough of the utility work that the intersection can be fully open for traffic by Memorial Day.

The design engineering team is progressing with design on the **Union Avenue (Main St. to Gilford Ave.)** project with an expected construction start in the spring of 2019. Liberty Utilities will install services to the new gas main in this area by the end of the month.

Annual Program:

Work is complete on **Pleasant Street**, from Oak Street to North Main Street, with only punch list work to include striping and lawn/walkway repairs remaining. **Merrimac St.** is complete with only some minor punch list work to be completed. **Penny Lane** and **Parsonage Drive** are complete. Sections on **Weirs Blvd.** near the intersection of White Oaks Road and sections on **Union Ave. from Messer Street towards Elm Street** have been shimmed. Public Works will start updating its plans for the 2019 Construction season in December. The plan will be updated again in March based on the impacts of the upcoming winter.

Previous: Bond Funded Projects:

Busby continues to install the new drainage system on **Court Street** from Keasor Ct. to Fair Street. Consolidated Communications must complete their work to allow Busby to finish the drainage work and begin reclaiming the roadway and constructing the sidewalk. As of Oct. 15th Consolidated Communication has been unable to determine their completion date. The gas main work associated with the Durkee Brook bridge is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2019 which will allow a final connection of the drainage, and road and sidewalk work up to the bridge.

Additional investigation has been performed to determine the locations of utilities in the intersection of Elm and Union to fit the new drainage system into the intersection. This investigation has delayed the start of the **Union Avenue (Elm to Stark Street)** project. The work is expected to start this year at the Elm Street intersection with sewer and drainage upgrades. The limits of work this construction season will depend on production and weather.

The object is to complete enough work so that construction in the area of the intersection can be completed before Memorial Day 2019.

The design engineering team is progressing with design on the **Union Avenue (Main St. to Gilford Ave.)** project with an expected construction start in the spring of 2019. Gas main work in this area resumed this month.

Annual Program:

Work is almost complete on **Pleasant Street**, from Oak Street to North Main Street. Sidewalks are complete and final paving is expected this month. Busby completed drainage and the first coat of asphalt on **Merrimac St.** Sidewalks and final paving on Merrimac St. to be completed over the next 4-5 weeks. **Penny Lane** has been shimmed and is waiting on its final surface course. **Parsonage Drive** has been reclaimed and the asphalt base course paved. DPW is planning on shimming a section of **Weirs Blvd.** near the intersection of White Oaks Road and **Union Ave. from Messer Street to near Elm Street.**

MESSER STREET/DUTILE OIL DRAINAGE

Current: The drainage work under the railroad tracks is complete. Next year, the drainage work in the street will be performed which will complete all the work for the project.

Previous: Drainage work began this month in coordination with the lake drawdown. The scope of work this year is constructing the drainage line under the railroad tracks to the lake. Next year, the connections will be completed on Messer Street.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: Next meeting of the Downtown TIF Advisory Board is scheduled for November 20th, 2018. The Advisory Board is scheduled to meet with the City Council Land and Buildings Committee on November 26th to discuss the future of Downtown parking and the parking garage.

Previous: There is no meeting planned for the Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board in October. The next meeting will be in November.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update. The next meeting is planned for December.

Previous: No update. The next meeting is planned for December.

WINNIPEAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The DES Commissioner has provided a list of their concerns about the Advisory Board's proposal to create a separate Municipal Waste Water Authority. A review of their concerns determined that there were no issues that were unexpected. The Board will inform the Commissioner's office that their concerns will be included in the Board's plan to come to a decision on the Authority. DES and the Advisory Board are hiring a consultant to assist with the Board's effort to develop a flow based formula for funding the Program. The Advisory Board has determined that the wording of the statute on the replacement fund does not need to be changed. In FY 2020, DES will adjust the replacement value of program's assets to include all underground assets. This change is required by the statute. This will increase all municipalities' annual assessment for the replacement fund for the next ten years. The plan is to limit use of the fund to emergency repairs. All major capital improvement projects will be funded with bonds to allow the debt payments to be spread over the anticipated life of the capital improvement.

Previous: The Advisory Board sub-committee met with DES Commissioner on the road map process. The next meeting is with the AG office. The Advisory Board has found two sponsors for a bill to update the replacement fund statute. The Board's members are in discussion with their governing bodies to determine their position on the recommended funding level of the replacement fund, and the years required to meet that funding level. The Advisory Board at their October 17th meeting should be able to finalize the amount and time required to fund the replacement fund.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: A presentation and update at a City Council meeting is planned for December.

Previous: An update at an upcoming City Council meeting is being planned for this fall.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: Restart of the Master Plan Steering Committee is scheduled for November 20, 2018.

Previous: No update.

DES WATERSHED ASSISTANCE GRANT

Current: The City has submitted a request to the NHDES to withdraw from the grant with several water quality improvements being completed as part of this project. The remaining item of installing pervious pavers or concrete panels in the Weirs Beach parking lot is subject to archeological review and investigation, resulting in additional cost to the City. Funds for this additional work are not currently available.

Previous: No update.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK

Current: Walgreens/Landmark Inn segment: Busby Construction and sub-contractor Belknap Landscape have finished the easterly half of this segment. Construction of the Riverwalk area directly behind the Landmark Inn will need to be completed in the spring due to delays with ongoing work by the Inn and the poor weather conditions.

City Hall parking lot to Church Street segment: Busby Construction and sub-contractor R.M. Piper continue to work on this Riverwalk segment. Work completed to date include old bridge removal, new granite river wall, new concrete wall caps, bridge foundations, granite curbing on south side of the canal, base paving, new catch basins, and utility relocation. The prefabricated steel truss bridge is scheduled to be put in place over the Perley Canal inlet on November 29th. Work to be completed this season includes final paving on the south side of the canal. Due to the early onset of winter weather, installation of several Riverwalk elements on the north side of the canal will need to occur in the spring. Some fencing work may occur during the winter months.

Previous: Walgreens/Landmark Inn segment: Busby Construction and sub-contractor Belknap Landscape continue work on the construction of this segment. The westerly half of this segment is substantially complete with plantings, drainage, pavers and site work completed. Construction of the easterly half of this segment will commence when work being done on the Landmark Inn is complete.

City Hall parking lot to Church Street segment: Construction has started on this segment with Busby Construction starting demolition and construction of the new river wall and preparation of

concrete bridge abutments for the pedestrian bridge. River wall construction and bridge abutment work is occurring during the river drawdown. Work on this segment is expected to extend well into November.

BARTLETT BEACH AND BOND BEACH EROSION/DRAINAGE PROJECTS

Current: No update.

Previous: Bidding for the implementation of the Bond Beach improvements is anticipated for this fall. Construction is now slated for the early spring before the beach season.

NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE

Current: The Parks and Recreation Department was approached by Laconia resident Peter Brunette who wishes to spearhead an effort to restore the sculpture. At the November 19th meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Mr. Brunette asked for some time to reach out to the community for in-kind services, establish a plan to restore the sculpture, and to establish a fundraising effort. The Commission asked that a plan be in place by mid-January.

Previous: At the October 15th meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission, it was recommended by the Parks and Facilities Director that the Native American sculpture be taken down for safety reasons and stored until a plan can be formulated for its future. The Parks and Recreation Commission approved the recommendation for safety reasons. The Parks and Recreation Department will formulate a plan to remove and store the sculpture.

WEIRS COMMUNITY CENTER BATHROOM RENOVATION

Current: Project is complete.

Previous: Project is substantially complete with only minor punch list items to be completed. The bathrooms are now open for use.

MEMORIAL PARK SOFTBALL IRRIGATION

Current: This project is delayed until spring due to the early onset of winter weather.

Previous: Gilford Well has been selected as the contractor for the installation of the new irrigation system at the Memorial Park softball field. Installation is slated for this fall with some final work to be completed in early spring.

WELCOME TO LACONIA SIGNAGE

Current: No update.

Previous: NEOPCO Signs of Concord has been selected to design, fabricate and install a new Welcome to Laconia sign at McIntyre Circle. A new sign is also possible at Court Street if funding allows.

PERLEY POND/OPECHEE COVE BRUSH CLEARING

Current: Brush along the Opechee Cove area has been cleared. Brush removal at Perley Pond will be occurring in December when the pond and ground are frozen.

Previous: Clearing of brush and dead trees will occur once the colder weather sets in and access to the pond area is optimal. Some removal of dead trees has occurred at the back of

the pond by DPW crews. Parks and Recreation is awaiting cost proposals for the pruning of the Perley Oak.

Clearing of brush and vegetation along Opechee Cove will start during the drawdown of Lake Opechee in October. Additional brush cutting will occur when the lake is frozen if needed. NHDES regulations only allow brush to be cut no shorter than 3 feet in the shoreland zone of protected water bodies.