



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – December, 2020

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2020

Current: New drainage outlets and headwalls were installed in December for the **Court Street bridge** replacement project. Public Works, the consultant and the contractor continue to investigate alternatives for installing the new water line and sewer line to minimize the volume of contaminated groundwater requiring disposal and/or treatment.

Previous: Underground utility construction began in October for the **Court Street bridge** replacement project. Water infiltration into the launch and receiving pits for the new water line has presented a challenge due to volume and contamination from an earlier leak from an underground fuel tank. Public Works, the consultant and the contractor are investigating alternatives for installing the new water line. The bridge closure is scheduled for April 5 through May 5, 2021.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The member communities will be scheduling a managers/administrators and commissioners meeting to determine the future option for managing the Program. Franklin and Belmont are still waiting on their consultants' report to allow the Board to finalize the rate allocation model. The consultant expects to provide the report in early January.

Previous: Three of the nine member communities/commissions do not support creating a separate State agency to manage the WRBP. The Advisory Board and their member communities will have to determine if they want to pursue another option or retain the current management process as established in legislation and the current memorandum of understanding.

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Current: Park Construction has mobilized and plans to start cross-country water main work for the **Southern Lakeport Area Sewer, Water, Drain and Mechanic Street Reconstruction** project. The project includes water and sewer upgrade on Mechanic, Clinton and Prospect Streets and sewer upgrades also on Hill, Cole and Pear Streets. Road, sidewalk and drain reconstruction is also scheduled for Mechanic Street.

The design and NH DES SRF Loan application for the **Elm Street Area sewer project** (from Franklin Street to Hickory Stick) has been finalized. Bidding on this project is expected for spring 2021.

Previous: Bids were opened on November 3, 2020 for the **Southern Lakeport Area Sewer, Water, Drain and Mechanic Street Reconstruction**. The low bidder is Park Construction Corp. of Fitzwilliam, NH. Water main work may start this fall in locations outside of the street. The project includes water and sewer upgrade on Mechanic, Clinton and Prospect Streets and sewer upgrades also on Hill, Cole and Pear Streets. Road, sidewalk and drain reconstruction is also scheduled for Mechanic Street.

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WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: The Master Plan Steering Committee will be starting meetings in January to discuss potential updates to the Master Plan or Zoning changes.

Previous: The Planning Board recently appointed three of its members to the Master Plan Steering Committee, and the Committee will be meeting soon.

NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

PERLEY POND PROJECT

Current: The engineer from Rist-Frost-Shumway presented the plans for the area to the Conservation Commission. It was decided that the Conservation Commission will determine the proper plants to be installed at the water's edge as well as a maintenance plan for Parks & Rec to follow.

Previous: The City has received the wetlands permit from the state. The next step will be to secure funding for the project.

LACONIA SKATE PARK

Current: A fence was installed on the road side of the Park that is 50' in length and 6' tall. There is a yellow cap on the fence to prevent injury as well. This fence is in place to keep the skateboards and users from inadvertently going into the road.

Previous: The Skate Park was completed November 15th. The progress moved along quickly, especially with the nice warm weather we had for the concrete to cure. The Parks Department will be cleaning up the stone and loam to bring the parking lot to full capacity. The grand opening will be held on November 20, 2020.