



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – May, 2021

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2021

Current: **Court Street Bridge project.** The redesign of the water main is nearly complete. The dewatering permit will be submitted to the EPA this month. The utility construction schedule depends on obtaining approval of the permit and the design of the water main.

The Department of Public Works completed the spring overlay paving projects. Sections of Weirs Blvd., Lakeside Avenue and Shore Drive were paved. The summer and fall paving plan was presented to the City Council at their May 10th meeting. The Laconia Water Department is installing a new water main on **Franklin Street**, from Washington Street to Fairmont Street. Public Works will follow with improvements to the stormwater drainage system and new sewer that will replace old sewer sweeps at three intersections. Road and sidewalk reconstruction will follow and will continue to the end of the construction season.

Previous: Permitting is being finalized for dewatering associated with the **Court Street Bridge** project. Permitting is required in order to manage contaminated groundwater during excavation for the new water main and storm drains, and excavation required for the new bridge. The utility work is expected to begin this spring based on timing of permit approval. The bridge closure and road work will be completed this fall.

The Department of Public Works is planning to pave the following streets this spring as part of the **2021 Road Program** – Weirs Boulevard (roundabout to NASWA), Lakeside Avenue (Foster Ave to Centenary Ave), Shore Drive (Pump Station Road to 422 Shore Drive). The list of streets scheduled for summer and fall paving is being finalized. **Franklin Street**, from Washington Street to Fairmont Street, is scheduled for water, drain, road and sidewalk reconstruction. Laconia Water Works begins replacing the water line this spring, the remainder of the work will begin after Water Works finishes replacing their water line.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

WINNIPEAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The Advisory Board continues to work on a new rate allocation model. An updated model was presented to the Board on May 20th. The objective is to have the governing bodies make their decisions on the model before the June 17th meeting of the Advisory Board.

Previous: The Advisory Board was briefed on the updated rate allocation model on April 15th. The proposed model accounts for all unknown flow. The Advisory Board members were given until April 26th to provide their issues, if any, with the proposed model. The members discussed three options for distributing the inflow and infiltration that is coming into the WRBP's interceptor

that starts at the Winnisquam Pump Station and goes to the treatment plant in Franklin. The objective is to have consensus by the Board on May 20th and approval by the majority of the communities by the June 17th Advisory Board meeting

SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Current: Park Construction Co. continues construction on the **Southern Lakeport Area Sewer, Water, Drain and Mechanic Street Reconstruction** project with sewer installation on Mechanic Street. The project includes water and sewer upgrades 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 this year.

The **Elm Street Area sewer project** (from Franklin Street to Hickory Stick) will be advertised for bid in May with an expected June construction start. Liberty Utilities began the first phase of the project, relaying approximately 1,000 ft. of gas main from Franklin Street to School Street to clear the way for the required drainage improvements.

Previous: Park Construction Co. will continue construction on the **Southern Lakeport Area Sewer, Water, Drain and Mechanic Street Reconstruction** project this spring with sewer installation on Mechanic Street. The Water Department has installed new gate valves in preparation for temporary water on Mechanic Street. The project includes water and sewer upgrades 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 this year.

The **Elm Street Area sewer project** (from Franklin Street to Hickory Stick) will be advertised for bid in May with an expected June construction start. The first phase of the project will require Liberty Utilities to relay approximately 1,000 ft. of gas main from Franklin Street to School Street.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: No update.

Previous: The April 13, 2021 meeting was postponed to a date to be determined to identify the members of the Committee from the City Council.

NATIVE AMERICAN SCULPTURE

Current: The statue has been completely printed. The next step is to have it painted and shipped here. It will be assembled on site either in place or in the parking lot and placed on the base with a crane.

Previous: No update.

PERLEY POND PROJECT

Current: The Parks Department met with the Conservation Commission to discuss the maintenance plan moving forward at the site. It was decided that the Conservation Commission will stake out the boundary line that the Parks crew will not cross while mowing or trimming.

This will delineate where the pond/wetland is even during a drought. The Conservation Commission will be planting blue irises that will grow 18" – 24" high along the water's edge. There will still be reeds in the water that should not be cut down according to the Conservation Commission.

Previous: No update.