



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – April 2018

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2018

Current: Court Street construction project is scheduled to begin on April 23rd. The plan is to begin with sewer construction and then provide a time for Eversource to relocate its utility poles and other utilities to transfer to the new poles. The relocation is required to meet ADA standards. The work on Pleasant Street, from Oak Street to North Main, is scheduled to begin in June. DPW has instructed the consultant to design the Elm Street/Union Ave intersection based on the Council's selected option for improving traffic flow. A public input session is scheduled for May 3rd for the Union Ave (Elm to Stark) project. A list of streets to be shimmed is being updated based on this winter's impacts on City roads.

Previous: Court Street roadway construction is scheduled to begin in April. We are working with other utilities to coordinate and finalize the design for drainage and sidewalks. Pleasant Street, from Oak Street to North Main Street, is still scheduled to begin this summer. The City Council received feedback on improvements to the Elm Street and Union Ave. intersection and is continuing to look at options to improve traffic flow. Changes to the traffic signal operations are expected to be implemented. Public Works continues to establish funding goals and priorities for the pavement management plan.

MESSER STREET/DUTILE OIL DRAINAGE

Current: The railroad crossing agreement was approved by the NH DOT Rail Division. The drawdown of Lake Opechee by the NH Dam Bureau will begin October 8, 2018. The drainage work will coincide with this project. Temporary impacts to the WOW trail are expected.

Previous: The design has been finalized and is at NH DOT Rail Division for review and approval of our request to put drainage pipes under the tracks. A wetland permit has been approved for the work from NH DES. Public Works may phase this project. The work from the Lake Opechee to the first manhole on the Messer Street side of the rail road tracks will be done this fall during the drawdown. The remainder of the work would be scheduled for the 2019 construction season depending on available funds.

BALDWIN STREET AND BOWMAN STREET PROJECT

Current: Sewer pipe work began on Baldwin Street this month. Work on Baldwin Street is scheduled to be complete by the end of May. The street is slated for a trench width pavement patch. Bowman Street work will begin with water main upgrades starting in April. Temporary water lines will be run to each house while the main is being reconstructed. Sewer, drain and full width road pavement will follow.

Previous: A preconstruction meeting was held on March 7, 2018 for the upcoming sewer project on Baldwin Street and Bowman Street. Upgrades to water, drain and roadway is also scheduled for Bowman Street. Sewer work on Baldwin Street is scheduled to begin in April. Water work on Bowman Street will begin in April. Sewer, drain and road work will be phased over the remainder of the construction season on Bowman Street.

LAKESIDE AVENUE

Current: No updates.

Previous: No updates.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: The Laconia Downtown TIF Advisory Board met on April 12th. Topics of discussion included the Downtown Parking Garage, Downtown Riverwalk project updates, banner poles, performance based zoning and the Laconia Master Plan. The Advisory Board will be requesting a meeting with the City Council Land and Buildings Subcommittee to discuss future options for the parking garage. The Advisory Board will also be submitting a recommendation to the City Council to provide TIF District funding for a set of over-the-street banner poles on Main Street.

Previous: The next meeting is scheduled for April 12th. For updates to the Downtown Riverwalk projects, refer to the Laconia Downtown Riverwalk item in this update.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: No update. The next meeting of the Weirs TIF Advisory Board is on April 19th.

Previous: No update.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The Advisory Board has not met since the last update. The CIP Subcommittee has selected the attorney to assist the Advisory Board in developing the road map to obtain the decision on whether to create a separate municipal waste water authority. The CIP Subcommittee's objective is to complete the road map in 30 days and then brief the Advisory Board and its respective governing bodies during the next 30 days if requested by the Board members.

Public Works continues to work with WRBP on compliance with the commercial wastewater discharge permit regulations. This requirement will eventually impact all commercial buildings in the City.

Previous: WRBP Advisory Board has not met since the last update. The Advisory Board's CIP Subcommittee has identified two law firms to assist in developing the "roadmap" and is scheduling interviews to select the firm. The NH Senate passed the bill that will direct fines imposed on customers for violating system regulations to the General Fund instead of the WRBP. It is now in the House. The Advisory Group testified at the public hearing against the bill. The WRBP and all of the municipalities have begun an effort to bring the commercial discharge permit program in line with State law. This will require an effort by all municipalities to ensure that commercial enterprises have a permit for their waste water.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: No update. The City and Woods Hole Group are in the process of scheduling a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss potential dredging activities.

Previous: Woods Hole Group has provided conceptual level wetlands mitigation plans that are being submitted to NHDES for review as part of the process of determining wetlands mitigation requirements for the beach restoration.

LACONIA MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: The April meeting of the Planning Board was cancelled due to lack of a quorum and the possible vote adopting the updated Vision Statement and the Land Use Chapter is scheduled for the May 8 meeting.

Previous: The Planning Board held a public hearing on the proposed document on March 6, 2018, with one member of the public speaking. The Board referred the document to the April 3 meeting for a possible vote to approve the proposed Vision Statement and Land Use chapter.

DES WATERSHED ASSISTANCE GRANT

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

LEZAMA FAMILY HAPPY TAILS DOG PARK PROJECT

Current: A \$100,000 donation has been pledged on behalf of the Lezama Family for construction of the dog park. The City Council executed the first reading of the request to accept the donation as unanticipated revenue. A public hearing and second reading is scheduled for the April 23 City Council meeting. Raymond's Landscaping of Concord, NH has been selected as the contractor for the construction of the park. An agreement with the City of Laconia and Happy Tails Dog Park is being finalized.

Previous: Negotiations with the contractor over the scope of work are ongoing. A contract with the selected contractor will be executed if and when a scope of work is agreed upon.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN RIVERWALK

Current: Bids were opened for the construction of two Downtown Riverwalk segments on April 6th. The bids are currently under review by the City's engineering consultant. The project is expected to be awarded in the next week.

Previous: A request for bids for the Walgreen's (Rowe Court) and the City Hall to Church Street segments has been advertised. There will be a pre-bid meeting for interested contractors on March 22nd. Bids are due April 6th. 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.

SANBORN PARK AND TARDIF PARK COURT RESURFACING

Current: Work is slated for May 2018. Vermont Tennis Court Surfacing has been contracted to perform the work.

Previous: No update. Work is slated for May 2018.

BARTLETT BEACH AND BOND BEACH EROSION/DRAINAGE PROJECTS

Current: Design plans were provided by Loureiro Engineering on April 6th. Feedback was provided by the City and final engineering design plans are pending.

Previous: Parks and Recreation met with Loureiro Engineering on March 16th to review preliminary plans for drainage/erosion control improvements. Final engineering design plans are anticipated by the end of March.

FENCING PROJECTS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

Current: Installation of new ornamental fencing is scheduled to start in April. Projects include ornamental fencing installation at Rotary Park, Robbie Mills Field and Opechee Park. Vermont Recreational Surfacing and Fencing has been contracted to complete the work.