



LACONIA PROJECT UPDATES – August 2016

LACONIA ROAD PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR 2016

Current: Final paving of Holman Street, Lynnewood Road, and Ashwood Circle were completed this week. A shim and overlay was also completed on Gale Avenue. Work will now focus on some remaining clean-up work on Summit, McKinley, Warren, Pine, Holman, Lynnewood, and Ashwood Circle. Actual construction costs are now being compared to estimated costs as we determine which streets will be addressed next.

Previous: Final paving on **Warren St.** and **Pine St.** has been accomplished. Shoulder leveling and lawn restoration is now essentially complete.

Drainage improvements on **Holman St.** and **Ashwood Circle** have been underway for the past two (2) to three (3) weeks and all of the substantial drainage pipe and catch-basin upgrades are now completed. Roadway reclamation begins today (July 19th) on Holman St. and we expect that all of Holman St., Ashwood Circle and the northerly end of **Lynnewood Road** will be reclaimed by Friday, July 22nd. Base course asphalt paving is currently scheduled for the week of July 25th. Following this base course paving, all of the sewer and drainage manholes in the roadway “traveled way” (that have been lowered to allow for the road-base reclamation process and base course paving) will then be cut-out and raised one inch (1”) in preparation for the final wearing course of asphalt which we anticipate will be applied in September. The un-reclaimed portion of Lynnewood Road (between the reclaimed sections of Holman St. and upper Lynnewood Road) will receive an asphalt Maintenance Shim (MS) at the same time that the final wearing course of asphalt is applied on these Reclaimed and Overlaid (R&O) sections.

Lovell St., McKinley Rd. and a significant section of **Summit Ave.** each received an asphalt Maintenance Shim (MS) in the past few weeks.

Following a few utility repairs (water and sewer), paving on **Gold St., Railroad Ave., Park St.** and **Fore St.** is anticipated in the next month.

Additional streets on the proposed list of 2016 Road Improvements are being reviewed for upgrade work in the coming months. Cost review on the work accomplished thus far is being factored-in with our program goal of accomplishing a minimum of 5 miles of road upgrade this season.

LAKESIDE AVENUE

Current: Preliminary underground electric design by Eversource has been completed and incorporated into the McFarland Johnson (MJ) engineering working drawing. MJ is coordinating the melding of the Fairpoint and Metrocast designs with the Eversource design. The NH Division of Historic Resources is requiring an Archaeological investigation of the utility corridor. Starting the week of August 22, we will be utilizing ground penetrating radar along Lakeside Ave to detect and mark abandoned and unknown pipes. A neighborhood progress meeting will be held at 7:00 pm Thursday September 1 at the Weirs Community Center. The Water Department will start laying temporary water lines September 6 with construction starting the earliest during the week of September 19th.

Previous: Initiation of design by the private utilities (Eversource, Fairpoint, Metrocast) is underway.

McFarland Johnson (MJ) has been secured as our consultant engineer to assist with road, drainage, sidewalk, pedestrian crossing and street lighting design for this project. MJ will also take all of the utility designs and coordinate them into one plan to provide direction for the Contractor (Busby Construction).

A detailed "project walk-thru" meeting with utility personnel took place on Friday, July 15th. Among the details covered was careful review of placement options for underground (U.G.) utility terminal hardware (sector cabinets, transformers, etc.) in coordination with expressed property owner concerns.

Water main upgrade, drainage upgrade, installation of U.G. conduit and (limited) sewer upgrade are all proposed for construction between Labor Day and early November 2016, with the water main upgrade being the initial project.

LACONIA DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT

Current: The Downtown TIF Advisory Board is scheduled to meet next on August 23rd.

TIF Project Updates:

- Beacon Street West Connection: Remaining items include landscaping and handrail installation. Handrail installation is currently in progress and is expected to be complete by August 19th.
- River Street, Church Street Riverwalk Connection & Landmark Inn Riverwalk Segment (TAP Grant Projects): Engineering of these projects will occur through the summer and fall of 2016, with construction now expected in 2017.
- River's Edge Segment (formerly FW Webb site): The ribbon cutting ceremony for the River's Edge project is scheduled for August 19th.
- WOW Trail Phase 2: Construction continues on the trail with no major changes from the original design. Bridge abutment work, drainage, rough grading and boardwalk installation is ongoing.

Previous: The Downtown TIF Advisory Board is scheduled to meet next on July 21st.

TIF Project Updates:

- Beacon Street West Connection: Construction is nearing completion on this segment. Retaining walls, paving, ornamental fencing and the footbridge have been completed. Outstanding items include hydro seeding and ADA compliant handrails. Handrail installation is slated for the beginning of August.
- River Street, Church Street Riverwalk Connection & Landmark Inn Riverwalk Segment (TAP Grant Projects): Engineering of these projects will occur through the summer and fall of 2016, with construction now expected in 2017.
- River's Edge Segment (formerly FW Webb site): Under construction. Estimated completion is in August 2016.
- WOW Trail Phase 2: Construction has commenced on this project. Ongoing work includes construction layout, grubbing, rough grading, erosion control and footings for boardwalk areas.

WEIRS TIF DISTRICT

Current: The Weirs TIF Advisory Board is expected to present further recommendations to the City Council in August for additional elements associated with the Lakeside Avenue improvement project. The additional elements being discussed include concrete sidewalks, brick paver accents, crosswalk construction and irrigation. The next Weirs TIF Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for August 22.

Previous: The Weirs TIF Advisory Board met on July 14th. There was discussion on the Lakeside Avenue project and additional features including sidewalk materials, crosswalk design and irrigation. Cost estimates for sidewalk pavers and irrigation was requested for the next Advisory Board meeting scheduled for August 11th in anticipation of making a recommendation to the City Council at their last meeting in August.

WINNIPESAUKEE RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Current: The next meeting of the WRBP Advisory Board (AB) is scheduled for Thursday August 18th 9:00 a.m. at the Corner Meeting House in Belmont. A Governance Committee Meeting will be held at 10: am on Thursday September 15th in Belmont. No new information to report at this time.

Previous: The next meeting of the WRBP Advisory Board (AB) is scheduled for Thursday, July 21st at 10:00 a.m. at the Corner Meeting House in Belmont. No new information to report at this time.

WEIRS BEACH RESTORATION

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.

ZONING TASK FORCE

Current: No update. Anticipate some work by the ZTF this year in response to RSA changes, specifically regarding accessory dwelling units (ADUs), and other topics.

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DOWNTOWN WAYFINDING

Current: No update.

Previous: No update.



LACONIA HEART AND SOUL MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Current: No update. Anticipate starting work on Housing, Community Services & Facilities, and Historic & Cultural Resources chapters shortly. Drafts of Natural Resources and Transportation are available.

Previous: No update.

MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Current: Due to delays in the confirmation of available water service, installation of irrigation for the baseball field is now slated for late summer/early fall. Installation of new bleachers for the softball field is slated for late fall.

Previous: The new scoreboard has been installed at the baseball field.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT (TAP)

Current: Feasibility study has started with HEB Engineering. DPW has completed much of the site survey work.

Previous: NH DOT and Federal Highway approved the Independent Government Estimate (IGE) along with the scope and fee. We now have approval to begin the feasibility study.

DES WATERSHED ASSISTANCE GRANT

Current: Final design of stormwater treatment elements is in progress. The elements include pervious concrete panels, drainage swale improvements and installation of a stone surface on the gravel access road below the north end of the boardwalk. Water sampling is ongoing by City staff to determine pre-construction conditions which will be compared to post-construction data. The project is also currently under review by the NH Division of Historical Resources.

A public outreach and educational event relating to the project is scheduled for September 1st at the Weirs Community Center starting at 6pm. The engineering consultant, VHB Engineering, will be present along with City staff.

Previous: City Staff met on-site with VHB Engineering on June 23rd to review the water sampling locations at the Weirs Beach area. Water sampling will occur during the summer to determine pre-project water quality levels.

A conference call is slated for July 19th with the consultant VHB Engineering to discuss schedule for Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) and educational outreach events. Review of preliminary BMP (Best Management Practices) designs for stormwater treatment will also occur.