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MEETING MINUTES TOWN OF HOOKSETT PLANNING BOARD SNHU TOUR Friday, January 17, 2014 12:00 PM

PLANNING BOARD: Dick Marshall (Vice Chair), Don Winterton, Paul Scarpetti, Tom Walsh, Frank Kotowski

STAFF: Jo Ann Duffy (Town Planner), Matt Lavoie (Code Enforcement Officer), Leo Lessard (DPW Director) and Carolyn Cronin (Assistant Planner)

Presentation: Bob Vachon, Director of Facilities at Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) invited the Planning Board and Town Community Development staff for an informal presentation and tour of SNHU. Jeff Kevan of TFMoran also was present to discuss the future of SNHU campus planning. Vachon and Kevan presented the changes in the campus over the past six or so years.

These changes included: Washington Hall Circulation (2008), parking lot by Lincoln and Conway (2008), Dining Facility and signalized crosswalk (2008-2009), sidewalk and lighting along N. River Rd. (2009-2011), Guest House (2010), softball field parking (2010), Operations Center (2010), foot bridge and pedestrian access (2011), student center renovations (2012), re-zoned Manchester land (July 2012), East Parking Lot and East Side Drive Loop (2012-2013), purchased property: Donati Drive and West Alice Avenue (2012-2013), razed buildings on Depot Road (Summer 2013), Tuckerman Hall dormitory (opened August 2013), Library Learning Common (2013-2014), Depot Road parking lot and road upgrade (2013-2014), West Alice Ave connector road (future), and front entrances (future).

Vachon and Kevan discussed a conceptual plan for the future of the campus which included converting some existing parking into green space, adding more student housing and parking, and adding more athletic fields and facilities. There are tentative plans to convert the recently purchased CB Sullivan building into a performance arts center.

The Board expressed their concern about traffic and pedestrian safety on North River Road. There was discussion of a possible second entrance to the campus in the future.

The Board and SNHU representatives also talked about the proposed Southern Leg Parkway project by Manchester Sand and Gravel. Part of SNHU's campus includes an easement for the proposed roadway.

Tour: All attendees toured the campus in a SNHU vehicle to see the changes in the campus over the past several years and talk about the proposed changes for the future.