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***Town Planner's Recommendation***  
**Wednesday, February 25, 2015**

XIV. **Projects by the University of New Hampshire.** Review in accordance with RSA 674:54 - Governmental Land Uses. Presentation by Doug Bencks, UNH Campus Architect.

- A. ***Public Hearing - UNH - Outdoor Pool.*** Site plan for new 14,355 square foot pool, bathhouse, and 14,000 square feet of social space on deck and lawn areas. Construction expected to begin in April.
- B. ***Public Hearing - UNH - Hamel Recreation Center.*** Site plan for 2-story 65,000 square foot addition to existing 100,000 square foot facility.
- C. ***Public Hearing - UNH - Holloway Commons.*** Site plan for 9,000 square foot addition increasing seating capacity in dining facility by 365 seats for a total of 1,225 seats.

➤ I recommend the board close the public hearings and provide comments on each project to UNH.

Detailed descriptions and plans have been provided by UNH. These presentations are made pursuant to RSA 674:54 Governmental Land Uses, which reads as follows:

**674:54 Governmental Land Uses. –**

I. In this section, "governmental use" means a use, construction, or development of land owned or occupied, or proposed to be owned or occupied, by the state, university system, the community college system of New Hampshire, or by a county, town, city, school district, or village district, or any of their agents, for any public purpose which is statutorily or traditionally governmental in nature.

II. The state, university system, community college system of New Hampshire, county, town, city, school district, or village district shall give written notification to the governing body and planning board, if such exists, of a municipality of any proposed governmental use of property within its jurisdiction, which constitutes a substantial change in use or a substantial new use. Written notification shall contain plans, specifications, explanations of proposed changes available at the time, a statement of the governmental nature of the use as set forth in paragraph I, and a proposed construction schedule. Such notification shall be provided at least 60 days prior to the beginning of construction. Either the governing body or planning board of the municipality may conduct a public hearing relative to the proposed governmental use. Any such hearing shall be held within 30 days after receipt of notice by the governing body or planning board. A representative of the governmental entity which provided notice shall be available to present the plans, specifications, and construction schedule, and to provide explanations. The governing body or planning board may issue nonbinding written comments relative to conformity or nonconformity of the proposal with normally applicable land use regulations to the sponsor of the governmental use within 30 days after the hearing.

II-a. Any use, construction, or development of land occurring on governmentally owned or occupied land, but which is not a governmental use as defined in paragraph I, shall be fully subject to local land use regulations.