

**Town of Hebron
Master Plan Revisit
Beach & Recreation Land Focus Group
Vision Statement**

Hebron's Unique Opportunities

The Town has unique opportunities to provide its citizens of all ages with numerous and varied recreational opportunities due to its location on and town access to Newfound Lake coupled with the various Town owned properties and other public access lands within the Town.

The Town will undertake a more proactive approach to enhancing the availability and use of these lands in a fiscally responsible manner.

To leverage the unique situations that the Town possesses to provide the Town's citizens with an increased number and varied recreational opportunities, we recommend the following:

- To increase the focus on enhancing recreational facilities a Recreational Land Subcommittee should be established within the Planning Board structure.
- Proactively participate in the various organizations that are pursuing enhanced walking and bike paths around Newfound Lake, the Cockermouth River and others as appropriate.
- Continue the active dialogue with the Audubon Society to maintain the mutually advantageous relationship.

Hebron Town Land

The Town will continue to promote the use of Town owned land (Town Common, Town Forest, Hebron Memorial Beach, Bean Sanctuary & the Rogers property) by developing environmentally appropriate facilities on areas of the land.

The Town will provide improved information on the land and the facilities and encourage the use of the land for public events appropriate to the various parcels of land. Our recommendations by property are:

- The Town Common:
 - Provide more benches & picnic tables to encourage use
 - Upgrade the children's playground equipment, but keep it small in deference to a proposed playground next to the Safety Building
 - Investigate placing a horseshoe pit on the Common
 - Place a permanent cross walk between the Common and the Church.
 - Encourage more use of the gazebo.
 - Establish an ice skating rink similar to the one in Plymouth that uses a plastic tarp & water sprayed by a fire truck that is seasonal.
- The Town Forest
 - Undertake a review of the Forest land and develop a strategic plan for the potential use of cleared land for recreational uses. Complete the study during the winter of 2010-2011 for presentation at the Town Meeting.

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- The Hebron Memorial Beach
 - Continue the replacement of wooden tables & benches with new ones made from recycled materials that have a longer life and too heavy to be easily removed.
 - Undertake a review of the Beach land and develop a strategic plan for its use over the next 5-10 years. This should recognize that most new houses constructed in town will only have access to the lake through the beach.
 - Develop an on-going plan to stabilize the beach from erosion.
- Rogers Property
 - Develop multi-age recreation facilities potentially including:
 - Adult activities – horse shoe pits, bocce ball
 - Children’s playground
 - Picnic tables, benches

Other Opportunities

The Town will proactively cooperate with the owners of land within the town that are open to the public (Audubon Society, hiking and walking paths maintained by others and the network of snow mobile trails) to facilitate and ensure their availability and use in the future.

The Town will actively participate in programs that will positively impact recreational activities within the Town such as public walking, biking, snow shoeing and cross country skiing paths and Spectacle Pond.

Other opportunities and our recommendations for them are:

- Non-motorized water craft launching (kayaks, canoes, skulls, etc.)
 - There is interest in town to having easier access to the lake and storage near the access point.
 - Undertake a review of potential options and present to the Town, Spring, 2011.
 - Other items to be reviewed
 - Tennis courts
 - 3 par golf course
 - Full basketball court
 - Mowed land in the Forest for soccer, football, etc.
 - Acquisition of additional land
 - Spectacle Pond access from Town Forest
 - Snow mobile trail use in the spring, summer & fall
 - Publishing information on the Town recreation facilities in a booklet and/or on the Town Website.

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- Augment the current Town Beach parking sticker with a Taxpayer id card to assist in managing access to the beach when a car is not the form of transportation.