

2005 HEBRON MASTER PLAN VISION STATEMENT

In ten years, Hebron will still be a small, friendly, rural community of predominantly single-family homes, many being used as second or vacation dwellings. A steady influx of new homeowners can be expected, with a mix of residents and nonresidents, of retirees and young families. Warm relations will continue between year-round and seasonal residents. Unofficial “town meetings” will be held in the summer to help seasonal residents better understand local matters and be a more integral part of the community. The need for affordable housing for all Hebron residents, including the elderly, will have been addressed.

The townspeople will support the Planning Board in following the recommendations of the Master Plan, especially those concerned with suitability of land for development. Cluster development and conservation of land will be encouraged. Historic home sites and structures will be protected. New developments and renovations of existing structures will be in keeping with the aesthetic nature of the community and compatible with a healthy environment. Noise, light, and water pollution will be regulated.

The natural beauty of Hebron’s open space, scenic vistas, and pristine lake will be preserved. Large tracts of conserved land will remain part of the landscape. The Town, private citizens and non-profit organizations such as the New Hampshire Audubon, the Newfound Lake Region Association, and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests will be encouraged to conserve and own undeveloped land to preserve green space. Agricultural easements will be cultivated.

Undeveloped land will protect wetlands and help preserve the quality of water resources. The Conservation Commission will be charged with enforcing the Shoreland Protection Act, and through education and action will work to prevent erosion of hillsides and pollution of brooks and streams, the River, and the Lake.

Small commercial businesses such as cottage industries, the Hebron Village Store, and the Newfound Marina will continue to be encouraged. Large-scale commercial and industrial development is not appropriate and will be discouraged. Camps have long been a staple of the community and will be fostered, as they provide examples of environmentally conscious stewardship.

Quality academic opportunities for our children will remain paramount. Enhancements to our Town Library will include upgrading the facility, expanding the hours, and providing online computers for community use.

The Town will promote areas for group and individual recreation. These will include, but not be limited to, volleyball courts, picnic tables, and biking, jogging, and walking paths. An environmentally appropriate and safe playground on the Town Common will enhance community events held there. Lands owned by the Town (for example, the Bean sanctuary and the Rogers property), the New Hampshire Audubon

Society, hiking trails maintained by the local camps, and the network of snowmobile trails will all provide year-round recreation. The Town Beach will be expanded to provide more beach area and parking.

Roads will be maintained and upgraded, while keeping the scenic and historical character of the Town's rural roads. Road improvements will include shoulders for safer travel and recreation. Speeding will be controlled.

The Historic District provides an important emotional and physical common ground for the community, and will continue to do so in the future. To preserve the uniquely beautiful Town Common, any new or remodeled buildings regulated by the Hebron Historic District Commission will be kept in the tradition of old New England. A watering system on the Common will help sustain healthy trees and shrubs. More parking spaces will be available. A Community Hall, whether a new building or a renovated existing building, will provide space for civic, recreational, and cultural gatherings and needs, and will be handicapped accessible.

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The stewardship of Hebron has always included fiscal responsibility to its taxpayers. This will continue.