

## 2006 NEWBURY MASTER PLAN

### CHAPTER IV

#### COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES AND RECREATION

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##### **Recommendations: Recreation Facilities & Services**

1. The money needed to develop the recreation facilities preferred by the townspeople should be incorporated into the Town Capital Improvement Program (CIP). As one of the components, the CIP should identify the cost for each recreation facility improvement, and an annual allocation to a Parks and Recreation Department capital reserve fund should be established to fund development of these recreation facilities.
2. The Town should continue to work with all the interest groups around Lake Sunapee in identifying and developing a safe and environmentally sound boat launch site on Lake Sunapee.
3. The Conservation Commission and Recreation Department should try to improve the public awareness of the considerable network of existing trails in and through Newbury. One suggestion is to make the existing trail map available at other public recreation sites in the area such as the Mt. Sunapee State Park and the Hay Estate, as well as tourist-related businesses such as restaurants, motels and B & Bs.
4. The Town should support the continued expansion of the hiking and cross-country skiing trails available to Newbury residents. Many of the existing trails in Newbury are vulnerable since they are located on private property with no easement providing long-term access. The Conservation Commission should seek to acquire conservation easements and land to complete and protect existing trail networks and to acquire and develop new trails for all types of uses including hiking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding and snowmobiling. Areas along Ring Brook and Andrew Brook are ideal places to consider for new trails protected by conservation easements. Another location to consider is from South Newbury village parallel to South Road to reach the Bradford Fairgrounds road.
5. The Newbury Parks and Recreation Department should continue its efforts to develop the Fishersfield multi-use recreation area which is funded by a

combination of private and public money.

6. The Parks and Recreation Department should identify and evaluate alternatives for meeting the needs for additional beach area in Town.
7. The Parks and Recreation Department should study alternatives to providing recreation facilities and/or programs to serve the elderly and handicapped.
8. The Town should investigate the opportunity to establish a trail corridor on the former railroad right-of-way through Town.
9. Class VI roads in Town should not be opened up to serve new development, but rather should be protected as Class VI right-of-ways for recreational access and use.
10. As reflected in the Transportation Chapter, bike lanes, bike paths and bike parking facilities should be encouraged to be developed. Route 103 which has wide paved shoulders in many sections provides good biking opportunities. In particular, providing bike lanes around the popular Lake Sunapee loop, including Routes 103, 103A, 103 B and 11, would be a major step in improving biking opportunities in the area. These road biking opportunities combined with the mountain biking terrain available at Mt. Sunapee could make the area more attractive for regional and even national biking events.
11. Snowmobiling has been a long-standing tradition in New Hampshire. Snowmobile trails depend on a network of cooperative private and public landowners. The Town should support snowmobile trail use on Town-owned lands and should encourage the use of Class VI roads for this use as well.
12. Scenic Roads designated by the Town are provided special protections under RSA 231:157 & RSA 231:158. Recreational use, including biking and walking, should be encouraged on scenic roads.