

Town of Barkhamsted
Economic Development Committee
June 10, 2008

Attendees: W. Downes; D. Ciriello-Grohowski; M. Casale; L. DiMartino; R. Behrens; C. Lavieri; J. Lavieri; L. Cosgrove; M. Waterhouse; J. Morici; W. Pratt; K. Gallmeyer

- Mark Waterhouse, Leslie Cosgrove and Mike Casale presented a draft of their final report for the Economic Development Study. The draft presentation is available on request and will be finalized for a final report review meeting to be held on July 16, 2009 at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- The presentation covered Riverton and Route 44 and included recommended approaches for attracting businesses while protecting the town.
- Based on concerns expressed, the team took an action to better define possible approaches to concepts such as Design Review Committees, Design Standards Handbook, Certified Local Government, etc.
- The team also discussed the term “wellness”, but reached no conclusion as to the appropriateness of the term for branding the revitalization of Riverton.
- Another suggestion was to use Riverton as a base for additional recreation beyond fishing, such as canoeing/kayaking and biking.
- The team and the First Selectman also informed the team that they had applied for a grant from the CT Historic Trust for funding additional planning for the town, with the emphasis on Riverton. There will only be 2 awards statewide, but the grant topic fit very well with furthering the activities already underway.
- The committee agreed that once the report was accepted at the July meeting, that a meeting similar to the one in the Riverton Grange would be held for purposes of communicating the results, getting buy-in from town residents, and for soliciting volunteers.