

CDC/CPAC Natural Resources Review Meeting
Parking Lot of Issues to be Revisited
May 15, 2008

1. Develop specific thresholds and ratios for mitigation of vernal pools (Jeff will talk with DEP)
2. Whether a fill permit will be required to fill up to 4,300 sq. ft. of wetlands and a general review of fill permit applications
3. Staff will prepare recommendations for updating the Town's map of vernal pools, including the frequency of updates and the appropriate level of accuracy and detail. Applicants for subdivision/site plan review shall be required to provide updated information digitally so it can be added to the Town map.
4. Staff will prepare recommendation for which in-house resource to use to guide assessment of off-site wetlands.
5. Consider requiring submission of state permit by rule application when seeking a Town permit related to a vernal pool
6. Have Town Attorney review policy directions with regards to concerns about "takings"
7. Make sure Committee members understand methodology Town used to map its vernal pools
8. Define residential development
9. Review role of peer review at planning board level to protect natural resources
10. Use smart growth principles to manage development in "no build areas" similar to those applied to vernal pools and wetlands in commercial zones, for compact growth areas
11. Consider funding/compensation for properties that are heavily regulated or rendered effectively "unbuildable" due to vernal pool regulations
12. Consider program to help land owners understand state regulations about vernal pools and wetlands of special significance
13. Consider need for additional support for Code Officer
14. Direction about restoration, invasive species within no alteration zone
15. Incorporate provisions to allow removal of invasive species (topic of white paper) – discuss with Conservation Commission
16. Review role for Conservation Commission