



# Land Use Academy Basic Training

This Program is sponsored by the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

**Date:** Saturday, March 5, 2016

**Location:** Watertown Fire Department - meeting room - top floor  
935 Main Street, Watertown, Connecticut, 06795  
Free parking behind fire station

**Time:** 9:00 AM -1:00 PM

**Cost - Free**

**Register now by calling 203.757.0535 or Email [lrizzo@nvcogct.org](mailto:lrizzo@nvcogct.org) and please mention Land Use Workshop in the subject line.**

The Academy Basic Training is for those local land use commissioners who are new to their respective commissions or for experienced commissioners who just want a refresher.

## **Topics Covered:**

### ***Legal Requirements & Procedures, Roles & Responsibilities***

Provides a basic understanding of legal principals and procedures that must be adhered to so that legal challenges to decisions or other actions are minimized. Gives land use commissioners an overview of the source of their authority, their role in relation to other land use commissions, current land use issues they should consider, and their responsibility to be fair and unbiased in their decision making. This sessions is interactive using “clickers” and case studies.

### ***Fundamentals of Reading Plans***

Assists commissioners with developing plan reading skills including understanding scale, topography, hydrology and stormwater. It goes beyond the basics in a way that is understandable and relevant. This session is hands on using plans from real projects. Participants learn to translate what is on the plans to what it will look like on the ground.



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