

**Town of Barkhamsted
Low Impact Development
Land Use Committee
August 26, 2009
7:00 PM Town Hall**

Minutes

Attendees: Michael Beauchene; Roger Behrens, John Greaser, Scott Johnstone; Christina Lavieri and John Polderman. Don Stein, First Selectman, and Dr. Michael Klemens, consultant were also present. Mario Santoro was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Discussion:

- The committee reviewed 1) the Scope of Work provided by the Town as part of its grant proposal, 2) Appendix A, the Scope of Work to the contract signed with the CT DEP, and 3) Attachment A, which is a proposed schedule of tasks proposed by Cary Institute and Michael Klemens in support of the grant.
- Dr. Klemens described the work he would be doing in support of the study, with the emphasis on vernal pools, headwaters and uplands protection. One of the results of this grant could be to establish overlay (“resource”) zones to protect sensitive areas. The study will focus on the entire town, but needs priorities as to which parcels would be reviewed.
- The committee agreed that the focus of the biological diversity study must be private property. The MDC and State property would only be reviewed by Michael Klemens and his team if this land had a major impact on the downstream vernal pools and stream headwaters.
- The scope of work proposed by Cary Institute will be modified to reflect the preparatory work that must take place this Fall to allow field work to take place next year. This includes review of GIS data available through the State and UCONN and further review of town maps and topographical/wetlands data. Once high priority parcels are identified, property owners must be notified to get permission to enter their land.
- Early next year, the committee and Dr. Klemens will schedule the first public information meeting to describe the grant, the process being followed, properties and the reason for their being included, and the expected results of the study. This will kick off the activity with the property owners to gain access to the vernal pools and streams.

- Based on the July start date and the delay caused by being unable to do field work until next year, the First Selectman will write a letter to the DEP, informing them that the completion of the contract will be December 2010, which is later than originally proposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Schedule of upcoming meetings:

Friday, September 4 – Mike Beauchene and Michael Klemens to meet at Town Hall to review maps

Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 PM, Town Hall

Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 PM, Town Hall

Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 PM, Town Hall