

**Town of Barkhamsted
Low Impact Development
Land Use Committee
October 28, 2009
6:00 PM Town Hall**

Minutes

Attendees: Michael Beauchene, Roger Behrens, John Greaser, Scott Johnstone, Christina Lavieri, Mario Santoro, John Polderman, Don Stein, First Selectman, Dr. Michael Klemens of the Cary Institute, and Tom Grimaldi, Town Engineer

Discussion:

The committee reviewed the minutes of the September 29th meeting. No changes were recommended.

Chris Lavieri, Don Stein and Mike Beauchene had met at 5:00 PM with Marty Connors (Consultant Planner), Michael Klemens and Tom Grimaldi to discuss the project and to gain insight into how the consultant team will work together. Feedback included a discussion of LID practices and how they can affect property owners, particularly of larger plots, vs. the impact on the rest of the town. These approaches can have a positive affect on all segments, but requires awareness and technical assistance to show the benefits. Discussion also focused on other towns like Granby and Torrington and how they have implemented LID within their communities. This includes flexible residential zones, common driveways, “conservation housing” which is no more dense than traditional subdivisions, estate lots, narrower roadways, etc.

The “common questions document prepared by Michael Klemens was reviewed, as was the draft survey and presentation prepared by Mike Beauchene. Feedback was provided to the authors and they will be updating these documents and circulating them to the committee for review at the next meeting.

Questions raised for discussion at upcoming meetings include:

- Does LID apply to all of the town or just certain areas?
- How do we identify areas within the town that should be preserved by the town by buying either the property or conservation rights?

Actions assigned at the meeting included:

- Don Stein will send out the town POCD and the DEP contract, and will draft a letter that could be sent to the owners of the parcels that are selected for survey. This letter will be discussed at the next meeting.
- A tentative plan for the next 3 months was discussed and includes:

- Meeting on 11/18 to review the letter, the presentation, the FAQ and the survey
- A tentative meeting was set for 12/16
- Letter to be sent to property owners on 1/2, with the town informational meeting to be 1/11
- A second meeting primarily for the property owners would be held on 1/20

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.