

**Town of Barkhamsted  
Low Impact Development  
Land Use Committee  
September 29, 2009  
7:00 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 and Eric Davison of the Cary Institute, and Maryann Nusom-Haverstock of the CT DEP

**Discussion:**

The committee reviewed the minutes of the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. No changes were recommended.

Maryann Nusom-Haverstock provided a presentation which included the background of the grant received by the town, many of the low impact development practices being utilized in other towns, workshops which have been held and which will be held in the future (University of New Hampshire Stormwater Center presentation), and the expectations from the DEP as to the town's performance of the grant. There was discussion regarding Low Impact Development Best Management Practices (LID BMP) that are being used in other towns and how they might apply to Barkhamsted. Much of the effort in this grant will be to show the benefits of these practices to the town's residents and to build on the residents' sentiments that they wish to maintain the rural character of the town without taking away property owners' rights.

Don Stein stated that the agreement with Cary Institute was being signed for the services of Dr. Klemens and that the Request for Quotation for the services of a planner was going out. The planner should be on board in the next 3-4 weeks. Cary Institute would like to start working with the selected planner as soon as possible.

Mike Beauchene and Michael Klemens discussed the work they had done to define appropriate parcels that they would like to survey as part of the biological assessment of the town. This data was gathered by looking at the assessors maps and overlaying that with wetlands or stream data. Typically, larger parcels (>10 acres) met the criteria. Dr. Klemens stated that about 50% of the property owners will likely let the survey be conducted and that satisfying fears and concerns about the study must be accomplished to be successful.

Plans to build public awareness and participation in the project and in the biological assessment were discussed. These will include the use of the town website and the

selectman's newsletter, adding a dedicated webpage for this project, focusing on educating children as well as parents, holding public information meetings, holding contests for sighting of wildlife in town and other ideas.

The next meeting will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>. On the agenda will be a proposed approach by Mike Beauchene for publicizing the project, including the contest to identify the wildlife in town, talking points for the public meetings, a contact plan for the property owners, and discussion of the property owners and how to contact them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.