

**Town of Barkhamsted  
Low Impact Development  
Land Use Committee  
March 30, 2010  
7:00 PM Town Hall**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Michael Beauchene, Roger Behrens, Michael Klemens (consultant), Chris Lavieri, Tom Nelson, Johnny Polderman, Mario Santoro, Deborah Simon, Don Stein. John Greaser and Scott Johnstone were absent.

**Discussion:**

The committee reviewed and accepted the minutes of the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. No changes were recommended.

Mike Beauchene presented a draft report about the on-line survey to the committee. This report will be distributed to the members for review and comment, and will then be made available to the residents. 109 residents took the survey, with the majority characterizing the town as “rural, quiet, beautiful, scenic, and peaceful”. A diverse group of wildlife was noted by the respondents, as would be expected.

A newsletter update to the town was discussed and it was decided that it would cover two topics: 1) an update on the project and 2) a discussion of the state requirements for a biological survey as part of a stormwater permit when disturbing more than 5 acres as part of a development. It was agreed that Don Stein would prepare the project update, with an emphasis on the number of parcels and acres that would be surveyed by the biological consultants and a schedule of events. Mike Beauchene will put together information on the permitting process related to stormwater. The newsletter will be published in mid-May.

With regard to the bio-survey, property owners have agreed to allow the survey on over 40 of the selected parcels. The team will begin their field work after April 1 and will take 3-4 months to complete it. The work will consist of identifying the vernal pools, performing the egg mass counts and filling out ranking sheets on what is found in the pools. Michael Klemens requested that the next public forum be held in late September to allow him as much time as possible to compile the data.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.