

**Town of Barkhamsted
Low Impact Development
Land Use Committee
October 20, 2010
7:00 PM Town Hall**

Minutes

Attendees: Michael Beauchene, Scott Johnstone, Michael Klemens (Cary Institute), Chris Lavieri, Tom Nelson, Johnny Polderman, Mario Santoro, Roger Behrens, Deborah Simon, Tim Grohowski and Don Stein.

John Greaser was absent.

Also present were Marty Connor (Town Planner) and Tom Grimaldi (Town Engineer).

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Discussion:

The committee reviewed and approved unanimously the minutes of the September 15, 2010 meeting on a motion made by Scott Johnstone and seconded by Christina Lavieri.

Dr. Klemens updated the committee on the biodiversity study. The team is still in the process of performing the field surveys, but expects to be complete by the end of October. They are not surveying some of the very small parcels and will provide summary data at the November meeting. A summary final report will be available for the community forums in early 2011 and the final report with all of the maps and data will be available in time for the study final report.

Dr. Klemens provided a definition of “minimal/minor impact” for insertion into Article I – Section 193-11 of the Zoning Regulations. This definition included most of the responsibilities of the Inland Wetlands Commission with the exception of subterranean aquifers and habitats for endangered species. It also needs to apply to activities outside the 100’ wetlands buffer. Marty Connor took the action to reword the section to define the authority between the IWC and the PZC and to reference the impacts that will be used to determine if the IWC needs to provide the PZC with more than the normal report.

Additional discussion items included modifying the Private Road specifications to refer to the town ordinances, which will be revised to reflect LID practices. The zoning regulations will only have top level requirements, not all of the design and construction details that will be included in the ordinances.

There was a great deal of discussion on Conservation Subdivisions with the recommendation that there be language assuring that the number of lots is no more than what could be done in a normal subdivision and what to do about the land that is preserved from future development. Recommended wording changes will be made on these subjects by Marty Connor.

Minor modifications to the Subdivision regulations were to include a definition of the word “hydrograph” and to fix capitals where they were not used appropriately.

A decision was made not to modify Article IV – Section 193-21 relative to Rear Lots. The current regulations will be left intact.

Tom Grimaldi presented an overview of the changes to the road ordinances which will be finalized for the next meeting. Michael Beauchene offered to provide an electronic version of the town ordinances, which will be marked up by Tom and distributed to the committee for their review prior to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17th at 7:00 PM in Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald S. Stein
First Selectman