

## Minutes of Belvidere Planning Commission Meeting

**October 14, 2021**

Meeting convened at 6:05 PM and adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Members present were Deb Baker, Ken Adams Jr., Fran Leavitt, Mary Hysick. Also present were Carol Caldwell-Edmonds and Kipp Verner, Lamoille Fibernet representatives from Belvidere.

CUD updates by Carol and Kipp:

- Lamoille Fibernet serves approximately 23,000 people in 9 towns, requiring an estimated 500 road miles of infrastructure; currently in Phase 1 of the implementation plan
- State of Vermont has established an oversight agency for all CUD's in Vt. through Act 71
- VCUDA is a non-governing association of CUD's within Vermont created to foster common ground among the CUD's
- There are 9 RFP's for infrastructure installation and ongoing business support being reviewed at this time, with a contractor selection expected in 30-45 days
- ARPA funds received by member towns could go to CUD if the towns so choose

Annual BPC reorganization:

- Motion by Mary to keep the same day and time for meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:00PM); second by Deb; discussion led to amending meeting duration from **6:30PM to 8:00PM**; motion carried
- Motion by Mary to waive election of officers until next meeting with all members present; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fran; motion carried

Motion by Mary to accept the minutes of the July 8, 2021 meeting as written; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fran; motion carried.

Other business:

- Ken informed those present of a concern by the Belvidere Cemetery Association and Select Board regarding future expansion of the Belvidere Cemetery. Mary did an Internet search and found a guidebook created by the Vt. Secretary of State to aid towns with cemetery management. It was suggested that ARPA funds might be used for research and future expansion.
- Carol inquired about a Downtown Center designation within town. She will discuss with LCPC for details and requirements of a Downtown designation.

Next regular meeting scheduled **November 11, 2021, at 6:30PM**, at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office.