

Minutes of Meeting Belvidere Selectboard

April 6, 2022

Meeting convened at 6:32 PM.

Members present Ken Adams Jr., and Earl Domina Jr. Guests included Cathy Mander-Adams (Town Clerk), Ryan Cota, and Paul Howell.

Motion by Ken to accept minutes of 3/16/2022 meeting as written; 2nd by Earl; motion passed.

Reviewed and acted on town invoices to be paid

Moved Lamoille Fibernet discussion down the agenda since Carol Edmonds was not able to attend; SB reviewed the report she emailed to the Town Clerk and had no questions

Town highways and mud season situation:

- Ryan voiced his particular concern over the road conditions on Back Road and is eager for the school bus to start running again. He inquired as to the Town's plan of action for grading, etc. The Selectboard responded that the Town plans to start road grading as soon as possible once the frost is permanently gone and the roads are dry enough.
- The Selectboard has monitored the roads regularly and has compiled a list of notes and taken many pictures of the season's exceptional damage. State Highway engineer, Jim Cota, has contacted Belvidere and neighboring communities to assess the damage and determine if a FEMA event may have occurred.

Paul Howell introduced himself as a new resident in town, shared some of his career experience, and volunteered to act as the 2022 Green Up Day Coordinator. Under other business, the Selectboard reached consensus to appoint Paul Howell as Green Up Day Coordinator until Town Meeting Day on June 7th.

Motion by Ken to waive dog license late fees due to continued impact of Covid with pet vaccinations and vet appointments; 2nd by Earl; motion passed.

Earl will check with Sal at LCPC about posting the Hazard Mitigation public hearing locally.

ARPA updates:

- Cathy informed SB that the first required report has been made to the U. S. Treasury
- Cathy suggested that, following VLCT and LCPC recommendations, the Selectboard choose to adopt the "Standard Allowance" method of ARPA reimbursement; the Selectboard so chooses

Town Meeting Update: Ken informed meeting that he has received an email copy of the report from the printer for proofreading and will coordinate with the auditors to check it; a signed copy of the warning will be sent to the printer once the deadline for petitioned articles has passed

Town Clerk's report:

- Email from Rob Moore inquiring if Town wants a traffic study arranged this year; none needed
- An FYI email received by Town regarding Act 250 permit update for Tatro pit

- Cathy reminded SB that she forwarded email correspondence from VLCT on an economic development grant opportunity, and from LCPC on their periodic newsletter, and encouraged SB to peruse the emails
- Earl signed the fleet permits received by the Town Clerk
- Cathy informed SB of an upcoming tax sale scheduled on May 19, 2022, and 4 properties are involved
- Email from Rob Moore reminding the town to file the "Complete Streets" report for 2022 as required by the State
- After leaving the Listers' meeting being held in the Listers' Room, Stearns Allen encouraged the town to consider updating its parcel maps which date back to the 1980's; discussion included input from the Town Clerk, and Stearns stressed that the Listers should be actively involved in the update process; the process would need to be contracted out and estimated cost is \$35,000.00. Going forward, the maps should be updated on a 5 yr. cycle.

Under other business Earl shared a public outreach technique used by an engineering firm during a lead abatement project in another Vt. Town and suggested it might be appropriate for future outreach in Belvidere for the ARPA projects.

Due to vacationing members, there has been no opportunity for the entire Selectboard to consider the BPC request presented by Ken from the BPC's last meeting.

Motion by Ken to adjourn at 8:42 PM; 2nd by Earl; motion passed.