

Minutes of Belvidere Planning Commission Meeting

August 15, 2022

Meeting convened at 6:32 PM. This was an in-person and ZOOM hybrid meeting.

No one present via ZOOM; Kathy Marchant, Deb Baker, Andy Iwaskiewicz, and Ken Adams were BPC members present in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office; Cathy Mander-Adams acted as ZOOM host from the Town Clerk's Office. No adjustments to agenda.

Motion by Andy to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2022, meeting as written; second by Deb; motion carried.

The BPC, acting in an advisory role to the ARPA Advisory Committee, discussed the following:

- The 4 BPC members who are also members of the ARPA Advisory Committee (AAC) prefer to wait for the appointing of 3 members-at-large before meeting as a separate public body
- The BPC and the Selectboard have accepted Mary's final draft of the outreach letter for the members-at-large, and the BPC suggests adjusting the dates outlined in the posting as follows:
 - Send notice to *New& Citizen* by August 22nd and run for 2 weeks (Aug. 26th and Sep. 2nd issues)
 - Post other notices ASAP on Town website, at the Town Clerk's Office, at the Belvidere School, and on Front Porch Forum
 - Deadline for letters of interest should be Sept. 9th
 - BPC recommends a date of September 21st for the SB to review the letters of interest, and for the SB to appoint candidates on Oct. 5th.
- Kathy asked if the AAC can contact the Town's attorney if legal issues arise; Ken will bring question to SB meeting on Aug. 17th
- If AAC plans to use the Belvidere School for public outreach and information meetings they should coordinate with the Central Office at Lamoille Union, or facilities manager Dylan Laflam
- Ken will notify Mary of last night's updates

Under other business:

Group consensus that Old Home Day 2022 was a great success.

Ken reported the SB has assigned the legal work on reclassification of several town roads to Brian Monaghan and firm, and the SB plans pothole repair on Back Road this season – State highway paving will take place in 2023.

At the next TAC meeting Ken will inquire about how other towns such as Hyde Park are dealing with invasive plants when mowing roadsides, and how to ask State to consider wider pedestrian and bike lanes when repaving next year.

Motion to adjourn at 7:39 by Deb, second by Andy; motion carried

Next regular meeting scheduled **September 8, 2022, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**, in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office and will include a ZOOM hybrid opportunity as well.