

Minutes of Belvidere Planning Commission Meeting

December 8, 2022, an in-person and ZOOM hybrid meeting.

Meeting convened at 6:37 PM and adjourned at 7:00 PM.

BPC members present via ZOOM were Andy Iwaskiewicz, Mary Hysick, and Kathy Marchant: Fran Leavitt and Ken Adams were BPC members present in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office. No adjustments to agenda.

Motion by Fran to accept the minutes of the November 10, 2022, meeting as written; second by Mary; motion carried; Ken abstained.

Update regarding future cell service in Belvidere:

- Andy has reached out to Mark Delaney from Smugglers' Notch, but due to Mark's busy ramping up of winter operations, no meaningful discussion has happened.
- Kathy offered to contact Stephen King of Belvidere, who also works at Smugglers' Notch, and has a background in IT.
- Fran offered to contact Corey Chase from the Public Service Board to discuss grant opportunities for a feasibility study, and to determine if the results from the State's cell reception testing in our area is needed for grant funding.
- Mary suggested that the BPC be invited to attend any future Selectboard meetings that may discuss high-speed internet and improved cell service.
- Consensus of the group was to reach out to our representatives in Montpelier to ask for help and advice in the BPC's efforts to bring improved cell service to Belvidere. Fran will contact Kate Donnelly; Kathy will contact Dan Noyes; and Ken will contact Rich Westman.

ARPA Advisory Committee updates:

- An email has been re-sent to the Selectboard with recommendations from the AAC for candidates to be appointed to the ARPA Committee by the Selectboard at their Dec. 14th meeting.

No mail to process and no other business/public comment.

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM by Mary, second by Kathy; motion carried

Next regular meeting scheduled **January 12, 2023, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**, in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office and will include a ZOOM hybrid opportunity as well.