

Minutes of Belvidere Planning Commission Meeting

March 9, 2023, an in-person and ZOOM hybrid meeting.

Meeting convened at 6:34 PM and adjourned at 7:29 PM.

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

Motion by Mary to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2023, meeting as written; second by Andy; motion carried with Deb abstaining.

Discussion regarding future high-speed internet and cell service in Belvidere:

- Ken shared responses from Christine Hallquist and Lisa Birmingham to the BPC "support" letter for internet and cell phone service; the letter and these responses were added to the minutes notebook at the Town Clerk's Office
- Mary shared her draft of a letter to Christine Hallquist thanking Christine for their help and advice to the Town thus far, and seeking Christine's guidance on inviting Pam MacKenzie (strategic partnerships leader for MAC Mountain) to a future planning commission meeting. The group collaborated to edit this letter in real time.
- Motion by Ken asking Mary to send the edited draft of her letter to Christine Hallquist; second by Kathy; motion carried. This letter will be signed by the planning commission members and Mary will be identified as the contact for responses.
- Motion by Kathy asking Mary to proceed with an invitation to Pam MacKenzie following Christine's response to the letter mentioned above: second by Deb; motion carried.
- Kathy informed the meeting that she sent information about the dates and times of the planning commission, selectboard, and ARPA committee meetings to Josie McLean, asking Josie to include it in her news column for the *News and Citizen*.

ARPA Advisory Committee updates:

- Approximately twenty responses to the ARPA committee outreach letter to Belvidere residents. The response letters are currently stored in the vault at the TCO and are considered public information according to Kathy's advice from VLCT.
- The next ARPA committee meeting is March 23rd, and Alec Jones, from LCPC, will attend in case his guidance on ARPA guidelines is needed.

No new development issues to discuss and no mail to process. Fran continues to copy the other members on the regular emails she receives from Healthy Communities Vermont.

Other business/public comment:

- Ken shared updates regarding town road reclassification public hearing in April, and a weekend road closure and culvert replacement project on Vt. Rt. 109 in summer 2023.

Motion to adjourn at 7:29 PM by Deb, second by Kathy; motion carried

Next regular meeting scheduled **April 13, 2023, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**, in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office and will include a ZOOM hybrid opportunity as well.