

## Minutes of Belvidere Planning Commission Meeting

**April 13, 2023, an in-person and ZOOM hybrid meeting.**

Meeting convened at 6:30 PM and adjourned at 7:32 PM.

BPC member present via ZOOM was Andy Iwaskiewicz; Ken Adams, Kathy Marchant, and Deb Baker were BPC members present in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office. Ken hosted the ZOOM meeting in Cathy's absence. No adjustments to agenda.

Motion by Andy to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2023, meeting as written; second by Kathy; motion carried.

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

- Andy informed group that he had applied for service by Mansfield Fiber and that subcontractors are working in the area to install hookups for Mansfield
- Kathy has asked Mary if Mary received a response to her draft of a letter to Christine Hallquist, and Kathy had no updates at time of this meeting

ARPA Advisory Committee updates:

- Andy and Kathy reported on the results of a special ARPA committee meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Specifically, the ARPA committee recommends that the Town pledge \$10,910.80 of its ARPA funds to Lamoille Fibernet to be matched dollar for dollar by the CUD and used to help Belvidere residents complete high-speed internet installation. A letter from the ARPA committee to the Selectboard on this subject was reviewed and discussed by the BPC. Kathy has sent a copy of the letter to Earl as SB chair. Andy also sent a copy of his power point presentation to Earl.
- Andy has asked to be on the next SB meeting agenda and will attend the meeting to explain the subject to the SB
- The next ARPA Advisory Committee meeting is April 27<sup>th</sup>

Andy suggested that Carol Caldwell-Edmonds be invited to attend future BPC meetings to offer updates on the CUD's progress. Andy asked that the next BPC meeting agenda include an item to review officers and reorganization. Andy also formally requested that the SB work to compile a list of candidates for appointment to the BPC. The consensus of the group was that the SB should reach out to any such candidates in a timely manner.

No new development issues to discuss and no mail to process.

Kathy suggested that a link be placed on the Town website so that people can access information disseminated by Healthy Communities Vermont. Kathy will discuss coordination with Cathy Mander-Adams.

Other business/public comment:

- Ken shared information regarding town road reclassification site visits and public hearing held on April 12th

Motion to adjourn at 7:32 PM by Deb, second by Kathy; motion carried

Next regular meeting scheduled **May 11, 2023, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**, in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office and will include a ZOOM hybrid opportunity as well.