

Minutes of Belvidere Planning Commission Meeting

May 11, 2023, an in-person and ZOOM hybrid meeting.

Meeting convened at 6:46 PM and adjourned at 7:16 PM. Connecting to ZOOM was delayed for approximately 15 minutes.

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. Also present at the TCO was Cathy Mander-Adams as host of the ZOOM meeting. No adjustments to agenda.

Motion by Deb to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2023, meeting as written; second by Kathy; motion carried.

Annual reorganization and election of officers: Chairperson - Kathy Marchant, Vice-Chair – Andy Iwaskiewicz, Clerk – Ken Adams Jr. Regularly scheduled meeting time remains as 6:30 PM on the second Thursday of each month at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office, with hybrid ZOOM meetings continuing as an option. The June 2, 2023, meeting has been rescheduled for June 15, 2023.

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

- Kathy reported that all towns in the Lamoille Fibernet CUD except Hyde Park and Morristown have committed a portion of their respective ARPA funds to the CUD

ARPA Advisory Committee updates:

- Andy and Kathy reported that the ARPA committee are sorting through the list of ideas submitted by Belvidere residents utilizing a master list created by Andy; more info from contributors may be solicited for the ideas submitted

Town Plan:

- Kathy will inquire from Alec Jones at LCPC regarding what new issues may be expected in the next town plan; possible tie-ins to ARPA activity may be included in narrative
- The BPC should begin a long-range approach to updating the town plan to comfortably meet the next required deadline in a few years

New development issues:

- Kathy and Ken presented information on the Municipal Energy Resilience Program and the Preservation Trust grants; these grants may provide for improvements to the Town Clerk's Office and the Junction School House

Other business/public comment: none

Motion to adjourn at 7:16 PM by Deb, second by Kathy; motion carried

Next regular meeting scheduled **June 15, 2023, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**, in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office and will include a ZOOM hybrid opportunity as well.