

Minutes of Belvidere Planning Commission Meeting

February 8, 2024, an in-person and ZOOM hybrid meeting.

Meeting convened at 6:30 PM and adjourned at 7:10 PM.

BPC members Kathy Marchant, Ken Adams Jr., Deb Baker, and Stephen Brown attended at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office, via ZOOM. Cathy Mander-Adams hosted ZOOM meeting. No adjustments to agenda.

Motion by Deb to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2024, meeting with the spelling correction for the month of "March"; second by Kathy; motion carried.

Discuss BPC Rules of Procedure:

- Andy I. is willing to participate in one more properly warned BPC special meeting to amend rules of procedure regarding number of members and quorums. Tentative date for special meeting Feb. 21, 2024, at 5:30 PM, with February 28th as alternate date.

Internet and cell service:

- Deb suggested posting information on the Town website regarding the availability of high-speed internet service. Kathy mentioned that a cell tower may be installed in Eden near the Belvidere town line.

ARPA Advisory Committee updates:

- The ARPA Advisory Committee is holding a special meeting on February 9, 2024, to complete project proposals for submission to the Selectboard on Feb. 21st.
- VLCT is urging towns to obligate, spend, and / or transfer ARPA funds soon.

The Belvidere Town Plan revision is due in 2029, so no need to begin that work yet, as LCPC is busy helping other towns that are currently revising plans. However, flood and other emergency events may be reviewed as the Regional Plan is revised sooner than 2029.

Ken shared information with the BPC members regarding potential future FEMA and AOP grants for a culvert replacement on Bog Road, as well as Grant-in-aid, Better Roads, and Structures grants already awarded to the Town.

Other business/public comment:

Stephen inquired if the Town has a defibrillator either at the school or Town Clerk's Office, and suggested that if one needs to be obtained, then ARPA funds should be considered for purchasing one.

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM by Deb, second by Kathy; motion carried

Next regular meeting scheduled **March 14, 2024, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**, in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office and will include a ZOOM hybrid opportunity as well.