

Minutes of Belvidere Planning Commission Meeting

April 11, 2024, an in-person and ZOOM hybrid meeting.

Meeting convened at 6:32 PM and adjourned at 7:25 PM.

BPC members Kathy Marchant, Ken Adams Jr., Deb Baker, and Stephen Brown attended at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office; Andy Iwaskiewicz attended via ZOOM. Cathy Mander-Adams hosted ZOOM meeting.

Consensus to reverse the order of the first two agenda items and deal with Rules of Procedure first.

Motion by Kathy to discuss and consider for adoption the amended Rules of Procedure; second by Deb; motion carried.

Discussion of BPC Rules of Procedure:

- Deb suggested striking the words "at their next available meeting" from the filling vacancies paragraph 2.3
- Kathy suggested changing "3 members" to "2 members" in paragraph D of Section 2.1 terms of appointments
- Motion by Stephen to accept amended and edited "Rules of Procedure;" second by Kathy; motion carried.
- Kathy recognized the resignation of Andy Iwaskiewicz from the BPC.

Motion by Deb to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2024, meeting as written; second by Kathy; motion carried.

Internet and cell service: nothing to report at this time; Kathy will contact Carol Caldwell-Edmonds.

ARPA Advisory Committee updates:

The ARPA Advisory Committee has completed its mission and submitted a list of six recommendations to the Selectboard; Ken reported the SB has accepted the six recommendations and added a seventh one – installation of a security gate at the Town gravel pit; an MTAP grant is funding Melissa Manka from LCPC to work on the playground equipment ARPA project.

Ken reported on progress of grant funded highway projects and announced the SB has contracted with Tyler Billingsley from East Engineering to provide design and scoping assistance as needed.

Other business/public comment:

Kathy commented that the State is placing more emphasis on flood resiliency and our next Town Plan revision may require more information on the subject. Kathy also feels the BPC and SB may need to collaborate on the future of the Belvidere Central School as permanent closing of the school may be looming.

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM by Deb, second by Kathy; motion carried

Next regular meeting scheduled **May 9, 2024, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**, in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office and will include a ZOOM hybrid opportunity as well.