

Minutes of Belvidere Planning Commission Meeting

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

Meeting convened at 6:32 PM and adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Members present at TCO were Ken Adams Jr., and Deb Baker; BPC chairperson Kathy Marchant attended via ZOOM; also present at TCO were Town Clerk Cathy Mander-Adams and LCPC rep Alec Jones. No changes to agenda.

Motion by Deb to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2024, meeting as written; 2nd by Ken; motion carried.

Alec Jones from LCPC reviewed FEMA Flood Area "working" maps with the group. The following points were discussed as follows:

- The maps as reviewed are draft only and are not finalized until sometime in 2026; the maps are not meant for public use currently as data is not finalized
- Belvidere properties in floodplain should be identified according to the new Flood Hazard Area maps, and property owners in the flood plain should be informed once map data is final
- The Town should update its current Flood Hazard regulations to reflect changes in the maps and Alec suggested the Town use an ANR template for said regulations; Ron Rodjenski, consultant with LCPC will be working with BPC to update the Flood bylaws
- The new maps consider the physical elevation of a property that may appear to lie within the flood plain, and Alec advised that the map BFE's (Base Flood Elevations) should be corroborated for accuracy
- Formal GIS data will be released by FEMA within the next twelve months to precisely pinpoint properties on the Flood Area maps

Motion by Kathy for Alec to create overlays to unofficially identify properties potentially in the flood prone areas at Belvidere Center, Back Road, and the Northeast end of Bog Road; 2nd by Deb; motion carried.

Current town development issues and other business:

- Repaving and road repair construction on Vt. Rte. 109 is in progress; bid process for Culvert 2-4 replacement on Back Road was completed with award going to Bob Edwards and Sons; Grant-In-Aid projects bid process underway with Selectboard review to follow; box culvert replacement on Vt. Rte. 109 near the Donald Kidder property to be completed by end of September
- FEMA officials are working with the Selectboard to finalize reimbursement for road repairs resulting from damage caused by storms in July 2023 and December 2023

Motion by Deb to adjourn at 7:28 PM; 2nd by Kathy; motion carried.

Next regular meeting scheduled **September 12, 2024, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**, in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office and will include a ZOOM hybrid opportunity as well.