

## Minutes of Belvidere Planning Commission Meeting

**September 12, 2024, an in-person and ZOOM hybrid meeting.**

Meeting convened at 6:33 PM and adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Members present at TCO were Ken Adams Jr., Deb Baker; Kathy Marchant, and Stephen Brown; LCPC rep Ron Rodjenski attended via ZOOM; also present at TCO was Town Clerk Cathy Mander-Adams. No changes to the agenda.

Motion by Stephen to accept the minutes of the August 8, 2024, meeting as written; 2nd by Kathy; motion carried.

Ron Rodjenski led a discussion on the Vermont Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF) with the group. The following points were discussed as follows:

- Belvidere meets all criteria except River Corridor and Fluvial Protection regulations to maximize ERAF reimbursements for disaster damages
- The maximum payment from ERAF is 17.5% of potential damage costs; Belvidere currently qualifies for 12.5%
- Adopting River Corridor and Fluvial Protection regulations could expand the area of town within the "protected" region and place additional Belvidere properties within the regulated area
- Ron suggested the Belvidere Planning Commission should overlay the Agency of Natural Resources River Corridor maps onto the recently updated Flood Hazard Area maps to identify all properties potentially in the flood plain and river corridor areas
- Consensus of the BPC to request LCPC create the map overlays described above; Ron will email a written request on behalf of the BPC.
- ANR templates exist for towns to draft regulations and Ron suggested combining Flood hazard Area regulations with the River Corridor and Fluvial Protection regulations using one set of combined maps and regulations; the Vt. Legislature has enacted new changes to these regulations to go in effect 2026 -2027; additional help available from Vt. State Regulated Flood Plain Manager, Rebecca Pfeiffer
- Points to consider if adopting the additional regulations include:
  - What are the minimal requirements for Town to meet additional regulations
  - What is the impact on Town residents and properties within the newly identified area
  - Is the additional 5% potential disaster reimbursement in the best interest of the Town
  - Enforcement of any bylaws / regulations help to ensure that violators do not jeopardize all properties within a regulated area

Current town development issues and other business:

Vt. Rte. 109 repaving ongoing; Culvert 2-4 replacement on Back Road to begin Sep. 16<sup>th</sup> with advance notice of road closure posted; Grant-In-Aid projects underway; box culvert replacement on Vt. Rte. 109 near the Donald Kidder property in progress

Motion by Deb to adjourn at 7:57 PM; 2nd by Kathy; motion carried.

Next regular meeting scheduled **October 10, 2024, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**, in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office and will include a ZOOM hybrid opportunity as well.