

Minutes of Belvidere Planning Commission Meeting

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

Meeting convened at 6:36 PM and adjourned at 7:43 PM.

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

Motion by Stephen to accept the minutes of the October 16, 2024, meeting as written; 2nd by Kathy; motion carried.

Ron reviewed Vermont Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF) and the list of criteria that affect the percentage of payment to Belvidere, included in the following points:

- The maximum payment from ERAF is 17.5% of potential damage costs; Belvidere currently qualifies for 12.5% and needs to meet River Corridor and Fluvial Protection regulations to maximize ERAF reimbursements for disaster damages.
- Adopting River Corridor and Fluvial Protection regulations using the ANR template would accomplish 95% compliance and increase reimbursement eligibility to 17.5%.
- Belvidere's Flood Hazard Bylaws currently meet one of the ERAF criteria but may need updating to meet current and future Federal Flood Insurance standards and additional State of Vt. requirements.
- Both Federal and State Flood Hazard Bylaw requirements are expected to change in the near future, but new requirements are uncertain at this time.
- Consensus of group that BPC should table consideration of adopting and enforcing new regulations until Federal and State requirements become clear.
- Consensus of group to contact the Johnson Planning Commission to coordinate a possible joint meeting on January 9, 2024, regarding this subject. Kathy will contact the Johnson Planning Commission Chairperson.

Current town development issues and other business: Ken informed group that the Belvidere Selectboard recently assigned dollar amounts to a variety of community projects.

Other business: Brief discussion regarding the latest round of available Municipal Planning Grants; Ken will contact Alec Jones at LCPC for further information.

Motion by Stephen to adjourn at 7:43 PM; 2nd by Kathy; motion carried.

Next regular meeting scheduled **January 9, 2025, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**, in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office and will include a ZOOM hybrid opportunity as well. This may become a joint meeting with the Johnson Planning Commission.