

Minutes of Belvidere Planning Commission Meeting

March 20, 2025, an in-person and ZOOM hybrid meeting.

Meeting convened at 6:36 PM and adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Members present at TCO were Ken Adams Jr.; Stephen Brown, Deb Baker, and Kathy Marchant; no ZOOM attendees; Town Clerk Cathy Mander-Adams also attended in person at the TCO. No changes to the agenda.

Motion by Kathy to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2025, meeting as written; 2nd by Stephen; motion carried.

Belvidere Planning Commission members discussed the status of the Belvidere Central School disposition, and offered their individual opinions pro or con for the Town to regain ownership of the building:

- Deb – leave unified school district and reopen a local elementary school
- Stephen – in favor of regaining possession of the building
- Kathy – reiterated Stephen's comments
- Ken – the offer should definitely be considered; concerned with how taxpayers will accept paying the additional operating costs.
- Ken asked if the Planning Commission would be willing to aid the Belvidere Selectboard in gathering information for possible uses of the building as well as help conduct a mailing effort to alert residents of future informational meetings.
- BPC members suggested that outreach to Lamoille Economic Development Council (LEDC) would be an appropriate first step. Ken will contact them and see if they are available to attend a BPC meeting. It was also recommended that the Selectboard's priority should be to request an extension to the June 30, 2025, deadline set by the school district for a decision by the Town.
- Possible dates suggested by the BPC members for an informational meeting are May 10th and June 28th (if an extension is granted).

Current town development issues and other business: Ken updated group on the status of several ongoing projects that the Belvidere Selectboard is involved in, ranging from upcoming road and culvert improvements to a variety of community projects.

The regular April meeting of the Belvidere Planning Commission was rescheduled to April 17, 2025.

Motion by Deb to adjourn at 7:46 PM; 2nd by Kathy; motion carried.

Next regular meeting scheduled **April 17, 2025, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**, in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office and will include a ZOOM hybrid opportunity as well.