

TOWN OF BELVIDERE, VERMONT
Town Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2025

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Belvidere was held on March 4, 2025, at Belvidere Central School.

Pamela McKenna, Town Moderator, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for Town Meeting. Pamela McKenna was nominated by Mary Hysick and seconded by Brent Jones. Pamela McKenna was elected by voice vote.

Article 2: To elect all other Town Officers required by law; terms are for 1 year unless state otherwise:

- **Town Clerk:** Cathy Mander-Adams was nominated by Josephine (Josie) McLean and seconded by Brent Jones. There were no further nominations and Cathy Mander-Adams was elected by voice vote.
- **Town Treasurer:** Cathy Mander-Adams was nominated by Josie McLean and seconded by Steve Osgood. There were no further nominations and Cathy Mander-Adams was elected by voice vote.
- **By Ballot, a Selectboard member for a term of 3 years:** Kevin Leavitt was nominated by Brent Jones and seconded by William (Bill) McLean. There were no further nominations. L. Susan Schill made a motion and was seconded by Bill McLean that the clerk cast 1 ballot for the election of Kevin Leavitt to the Selectboard for a term of 3 years. Motioned carried. Kevin Leavitt was elected for a term of three years.
- **By Ballot, a Lister for a term of 3 years:** Richard (Rick) Schoon was nominated by Ken Adams, Jr. and seconded by Stephanie Domina. There were no further nominations. Bill McLean made the motion and was seconded by John (Jack) Schill that the clerk cast 1 ballot for the election of Richard Schoon as Lister for a term of 3 years. Motion carried. Richard Schoon was elected for a term of three years.
- **By Ballot, an Auditor for a term of 3 years:** Gary Edmonds was nominated by Bill McLean and seconded by Brent Jones. There were no further nominations. Bill McLean made a motion and was seconded by Jon Hysick that the clerk cast 1 ballot for the election of Gary Edmonds as Auditor for a term of 3 years. Motion carried. Gary Edmonds was elected for a term of three years.
- **Road Commissioner:** Kevin Leavitt was nominated by Bill McLean and seconded by Chris Lang. There were no further nominations and Kevin Leavitt was elected by voice vote.
- **First Constable:** Charlene Spaulding was nominated by Bill McLean and seconded by Stephanie Domina. There were no further nominations and Charlene Spaulding was elected by voice vote.
- **Second Constable:** Stacey Chase was nominated by Charlene Spaulding and seconded by Bill McLean. There were no further nominations and Stacey Chase was elected by voice vote.
- **Collector of Delinquent Taxes:** Mary Hysick was nominated by Brent Jones and seconded by Bill McLean. There were no further nominations and Mary Hysick was elected by voice vote.
- **LNMUUSD School Director for a term of 3 years:** Stephanie Sweet was nominated by Ken Adams, Jr. and seconded by Stephanie Domina. There were no further nominations and Stephanie Sweet was elected by voice vote.

Article 3: To hear the reports of the Town Officers. There were a few typographical errors noted.

- Two Appointment errors: Lamoille County Planning Commission appointee is Carol Caldwell-Edmonds (not Debra Baker) and the Belvidere Planning Commission (not LCPC) Selectboard Rep. is Kevin Leavitt.
- Selectboard Message correction in paragraph 4. The Belvidere Community Club Field ...

Article 4: To see what action the town will take regarding the collection of taxes. Will the town vote to pay education taxes to the Treasurer on or before September 17, 2025, and pay town taxes to the Treasurer on or before November 19, 2025, and a rate of interest of 1% per month be charged on all overdue taxes beginning December 1, 2025? L. Susan Schill moved the motion to discussion and Mary Hysick seconded. Cathy Mander-Adams reminded the body that the two due dates fall on a Wednesday, not Thursday as in previous years. The article was moved by voice vote.

Article 5: To fix the rate of compensation for elected and appointed Town Officials, if any. L. Susan Schill moved the motion and Mary Hysick seconded the motion to accept the rates as written. Melissa Manka moved and Kathy Marchant seconded, to amend the motion and increase the hourly rate of compensation by 3%. This motion was defeated. Charlene Spaulding moved to amend the motion to increase those positions that are currently at \$17.50 per hour to \$20.00 per hour. This motion did not have a second and therefore was defeated. The original motion to approve as written was approved by voice vote.

Article 6: Will the Town vote to expend the current revenues as proposed in the Selectboard's Budget to pay the debts and current expenses of the Town? Ken Adams moved to expend the current revenues as proposed in the amount of \$242,442.00, with \$188,319.00 to be raised by 2025 property taxes. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Article 7: To do any other business that may legally come before the Town Meeting:

- Town Logo – several comments were presented. All suggestions should be sent, by email, to the Town Clerk email.
- Fidium Fiber – there is still money available to help residents of Belvidere get hooked up.
- Belvidere Central School – to buy or not to buy! Selectboard is getting recommendations from the town attorney. No action will be taken without town input. There may be a Special Town Meeting called.
- Cathy Mander-Adams requested more volunteer members for the Belvidere Cemetery Association (not a responsibility of the town).
- Dog Registration Day – March 29, 9:00 am – Noon.
- Green Up Day – May 3. Please consider participating.
- Listers announced the need for another town reappraisal
- ATV issues were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 am

Thad Tallman JOP

3/6/25

Thad Tallman, Justice of the Peace

Earl F. Domina Jr. SB chair

3/6/25

Earl Domina, Jr., Selectboard Chair

