

Minutes of Belvidere Planning Commission Meeting
July 10, 2025, an in-person and ZOOM hybrid meeting.

Meeting convened at 6:34 PM and adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Members present at TCO were Ken Adams Jr., Kathy Marchant, and Stephen Brown. Town Clerk Cathy Mander-Adams also attended in person at the TCO. Belvidere resident, Tyler Barber, attended via ZOOM. No changes to the agenda.

Motion by Kathy to accept the minutes of June 12, 2025, meeting as written; 2nd by Stephen; motion carried.

Discussion of the status of disposition of the Belvidere Central School (BCS) by LNMUUSD:

- Ken reported that the Selectboard plans an informational meeting for July 30th at the School. Tyler Barber will assist the SB on an "Every Door Direct Mailing" to announce the informational meeting to Belvidere residents
- Ken has conversed with Deborah Clark, LNMUUD Business Manager, regarding the Selectboard's questions on the school property,
- Tyler reported on his participation with Tori Hellwig and Melissa Manka researching the Village Trust Initiative (VTI) Grant possibilities for Belvidere:
 - Belvidere Community Club (BCC) is receptive to idea of forming a 501c3 committee as one step in the VTI process; if that proves unviable several Belvidere residents would consider doing that, independent of the BCC
 - A solid plan for the building's future use is part of a successful VTI grant application
 - A 50-year commitment is expected, along with a working "contract" between the Town and the 501c3 committee
 - Community involvement and local participation are key elements of the VTI
 - VTI can be contacted from noon to 2 PM on Thursdays at 802-223-6091, or via their website: vtrural.org
- Stephen suggested a distinction be made that the Belvidere Community Club is a non-municipal community organization and therefore available on an "outreach" basis when mentioned in municipal meetings, such as the Belvidere Planning Commission's
- Repurchasing the BCS property is key to the Town's control of its future use

Current town development issues and other business: Ken reported that summer highway projects are under way. Cathy reported that the BCC pledged \$2500 for the playground equipment and project plans are progressing. Cathy reported that an AED defibrillator has arrived at the TCO and training for its use has been scheduled, and that a NARCAN dispenser is available at the TCO. Stephen inquired if updates on flood maps are happening,

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

Next regular meeting scheduled **August 14, 2025, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**, in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office and will include a ZOOM hybrid opportunity as well.