

## **Minutes of Belvidere Planning Commission Meeting**

**August 14, 2025, an in-person and ZOOM hybrid meeting.**

Meeting convened at 6:29 PM and adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Members present at TCO were Ken Adams Jr., Kathy Marchant, and Stephen Brown. Town Clerk, Cathy Mander-Adams, and Belvidere resident, Tyler Barber, also attended in person at the TCO. Agenda was changed to allow Tyler to present information on the Village Trust Initiative (VTI) early in the meeting.

Motion by Stephen to accept the minutes of July 10, 2025, meeting as written; 2nd by Kathy; motion carried.

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

- Tyler reported on his participation at a forum held in Randolph, Vt., sponsored by the Vt. Council for Rural Development, with the Village Trust Initiative being a major topic at the forum:
  - Small rural schools that have closed are becoming popular projects for the VTI
  - The local "stewardship" group is expected to understand and solve community needs as part of a successful Village Trust.
  - Community outreach, local involvement and participation are key elements of the VTI project; the Belvidere group is meeting every Thursday at 7:00PM at the Belvidere School until September 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - VTI can be contacted from noon to 2 PM on Thursdays at 802-223-6091, or via their website: [vtrural.org](http://vtrural.org)
- Ken reported that the Selectboard plans a 2nd informational meeting for August 27<sup>th</sup> at the School. Tyler Barber assisted the SB on an "Every Door Direct Mailing" to announce the meeting to Belvidere residents

Current town development issues: Ken reported that summer highway projects are under way. Cathy reported that the BCC pledged \$5000 for the playground equipment and project plans are progressing. Ken also reported that Lamolille County Forester, Emily Potter, will meet with the Selectboard in October to finalize the management plan for the Belvidere Town Forest.

Other business: The BPC decided to apply for a Municipal Planning Grant to aid in revising the current Town Plan and Ken will reach out to Melissa Manka at LCPC for guidance on how to apply.

Motion by Stephen to adjourn at 7:07 PM; 2nd by Kathy; motion carried.

Next regular meeting scheduled **September 11, 2025, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**, in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office and will include a ZOOM hybrid opportunity as well.