

Select Board Meeting

Hybrid

Wednesday September 3, 2025 6:30 P.M. (T.C.O./Zoom)

Members: Kent Adams Jr., Earl Domin Jr., Kevin Leavitt via telephone 7:17 PM - 7:38 PM

Guests: Cathy Mander Adams (T.C./zoom host), Melissa Manka (LCPE), Gary Edmunds, Carol Caldwell Edmunds, Ron Rodjenski (LCPE/Stoneshore), Pam McKenna, Tyler Barber, Kathy Merchant.

Call to order 6:30 P.M.

Kevin asked to be telephoned for Belvidere school discussion as he was unable to attend in person.

Motion: Ken, Earl² - To accept minutes of 8/20/25 and 8/27/25 meetings as written.

Motion passed Earl, Ken

Receive/Act on Town Board Orders

Move various pending Town projects ahead of Belvidere school discussion to meet Kevin's availability.

Update various pending Town projects - MERP, schedule Emily Potter (Lamoille County Forester) for Oct. 15th to

Finalize Town Forest Plan, review and sign support letter for playground equipment.

melissa - Brief overview where things are at regarding playground equipment grant on Belvidere community club field.

Motion: Ken, Earl² - To have Select Board chair be authorized to sign State of Vermont Recreation Facilities Grant Application on behalf of the Select Board. As well as the letter of support from the Select Board regarding the same grant.

Motion passed Earl, Ken

(MERP) - update - Earl contacted Hyde Park Town Administrator regarding use of coe & coe for MERP Grant projects.

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At that time it was unclear if working with Coe & Coe would be beneficial to the town. The Board will search for contractors to provide service for MERP Grant projects.

County Forester scheduled for Oct. 15th to complete Town Forest Plan.

Belvidere School Update - Recap August 27th informational meeting, Phase 1 Brownfield assessment. Village Trust Initiatives Grant.

Recap of meeting - respectful, positive, well attended
 Ken - completed questionnaire for Phase 1 Brownfield assessment.
 Village Trust Initiative group meeting to finalize grant application to meeting deadline.
 Kevin called 7:17 P.M.

Discussion and Possible Action on offer to repurchase Belvidere Central School Property from the (LNMUUSD) Lamaille-Warrth Modified Unified Union School District for the sum of \$1.00 (one dollar).

Motion: Kevin, Ken² - To purchase the Belvidere Central School Property from the (LNMUUSD) for the sum of \$1.00 (one dollar). Pending legal review and authorize the Select Board Chair to sign pertinent documents.

Motion: Passed Ken, Kevin, Earl

Motion: Ken, Kevin² - The Select Board sign letter read aloud

From Ken Adams Jr., stating the intent to purchase Belvidere Central School

Motion: Passed Ken, Kevin, Earl

Kevin Left 7:38 P.M.

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Town Highways - updates from Ron and Cathy on FEMA, Grant in Aid, Better Roads Projects.

Ken presented generated invoices for material from town pit for match offset for grant projects.

☛ Cathy received concern from resident regarding Boarding House Hill Road

Other Business - Carol - the town will be reimbursed the unused portion of the APPA funds for covering costs for long drops of broadband Fiber to town residents. \$9,990 will be returned to the Town's Community Projects Fund.

Cathy - The town had been receiving payments from VT Bond Bank once Belvidere School was paid off. Since the Act 46 merger the LNMOUSD would have been receiving those payments. With the town repurchasing the school will the town receive any further payments if any?

Suggested reach out to town's attorney

Cathy - Place for records rack in vault is ready for installation as well as AED mounted

With health issues for one of the town Auditors it may be that the Select board may need to appoint a replacement.

motion: Earl, Ken² - To adjourn at 8:17 P.M.

motion: passed Earl, Ken

Adjourned