

## **Minutes of Belvidere Planning Commission (BPC) Meeting**

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

Meeting convened at 6:32 PM and adjourned at 7:21 PM.

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

Motion by Kathy to accept the minutes of October 9, 2025, meeting as written; 2nd by Stephen; motion carried.

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

- Tyler reported that the Village Trust Initiative grant has been awarded; grant funds will be disbursed in two "phases" – Phase 1 is earmarked for completing BCT organization and creating an operational agreement between BCT and the Town, as well as fundraising and admin and legal fees that are incurred; Phase 2 is earmarked for building repairs and renovations and will require a lien agreement on the property equal to the amount of Federal money used during Phase 2
- The Belvidere Community Trust (BCT) is finalizing its organization as a 501c3 community group; BCT has established its own banking accounts
- BCT fundraising will begin during the next 12 – 18 months

Municipal Planning Grant discussion: Melissa Manka (LCPC) informed Ken by email that the MPG application has been submitted and awards are expected in Dec. 2025 or Jan. 2026

Current town development issues: Ken reported that the Selectboard has submitted a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant application to be used for trail and water crossing development in the newly designated Town Forest; the Bog Road / Perkins Brook culvert project is complete; no updates regarding the playground equipment project

Other business: A moment of silence was observed in memory of lifelong Belvidere resident, Debbie Baker, who served the Town in a variety of elected and appointed offices over the years.

Motion by Stephen to adjourn at 7:21 PM; 2nd by Kathy; motion carried.

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