

Minutes of Belvidere Planning Commission (BPC) Meeting

March 19, 2026, an in-person and ZOOM hybrid meeting.

Meeting convened at 6:42 PM and adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Members present at TCO were Ken Adams Jr., Stephen Brown, and Kathy Marchant; Tyler Barber, Belvidere Community Trust member, attended via ZOOM, arriving at 7:13 PM; no changes to the agenda. Motion by Stephen to accept the minutes of February 12, 2026, meeting as written; 2nd by Kathy; motion carried.

Tyler and Ken reported on the status of the Belvidere Community Trust (BCT) and the school property transition:

- Property transfer from the Lamoille North district to the Town is complete
- The Village Trust Initiative (VTI) advises BCT to focus on developing an operating expense budget and discovering different avenues for revenue such as rental income. BCT members are beginning outreach to explore tenant prospects
- Space allocation between Town use and BCT use needs determining
- The BCT has tentative plans for a community outreach event in May 2026
- The BCT applied for an AARP "Community Challenge Grant" to fund a feasibility study for "walkability enhancements" around the school property and connecting to the Belvidere Town Forest
- Fund raising campaigns to begin ramping up; Kathy is in contact with professional musician Sam Lardner and his band, Barcelona, to perform at a fund raiser in late July
- More info available at belvideretrust.org

Grant discussion: Municipal Planning Grant, Recreational Trails Program, MERP, and BGS:

- The MPG has been awarded to the Town and a contract with LCPC to facilitate progress on the school property transition has been implemented
- The full RTP application has been filed and waiting for approval
- MERP grant project plans are moving forward for the current Town Clerk's Office and the Junction School House
- BGS grant paperwork for the playground equipment has met with SB approval and signing, and RFPs for installation will be going out to contractors ASAP

Other business: The Belvidere Selectboard heeded the BPC advice to send a letter to the engineering firm installing a cell tower on Laraway Mountain Road in the town of Waterville, near the Belvidere town line. The letter requests that the Selectboard be informed of day-to-day activity, regarding heavy construction equipment and materials transport on Laraway Mt. Road, and that all highway weight regulations are adhered to. Meeting attendees felt Town Meeting went well. Green Up Day is Saturday, May 2, 2026. Rattling Brook Bluegrass Festival is Saturday, June 20th.

Motion by Stephen to adjourn at 7:29 PM; 2nd by Kathy; motion carried.

Next regular meeting scheduled **April 9, 2026, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**, in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office and will include a ZOOM hybrid opportunity as well.