

Minutes of Belvidere Planning Commission (BPC) Meeting

July 9, 2026, an in-person and ZOOM hybrid meeting.

Meeting convened at 6:36 PM; members present at TCO were Ken Adams Jr., Stephen Brown, Kathy Marchant; John Benes from UVM attended via ZOOM; no changes to the agenda. Motion by Stephen to accept the minutes of June 11, 2026, meeting as written; 2nd by Kathy; motion carried.

MERP projects:

- Town Clerk's Office on schedule for July 20 with a 2-week duration; temporary accommodations in place for daily operation
- Amended plans for Junction School House windows; small windows replacements donated locally; researching repair or replacement of large classroom windows

Belvidere School Transition:

- Recent resignations of several Belvidere Community Trust members
- No updates to status of situation at this time

Playground Installation project:

- Equipment ordered, and excavation to prep area for equipment installation complete; delivery of equipment expected in mid-July and installer ready to proceed ASAP

Other business:

John Benes gave presentation on proposed system of "Mesonet" weather stations:

- A grant has been received to build 20 Mesonet weather monitoring systems statewide to aid the National Weather Service in predicting extreme weather situations; in Lamoille County, Belvidere is a suggested location for an installation, with several properties in Town being considered; currently no compensation for use of space is available
- The Mesonet station requires a footprint of 33' by 33'; tower height is 35'; area is secured by a metal chain link fence; a right-of-way for maintenance access is also required
- Mesonet stations are "off grid" and solar powered; access to internet is required however; first completed installation is in Lyndonville; plan is to construct 8 per year

Logistics of the upcoming Sam Lardner benefit concert were discussed; a community sports grant is available from the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness

Motion by Stephen to adjourn at 8:13 PM; 2nd by Kathy; motion carried.

Next regular meeting scheduled **August 13, 2026, 6:30PM – 8:00PM**, in person at the Belvidere Town Clerk's Office and will include a ZOOM hybrid opportunity as well.