

**TOWN OF BOZRAH  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
BOZRAH TOWN HALL  
JULY 19, 2016**

First Selectman Glenn Pianka called a Special Meeting of the Bozrah Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at the Town Hall on July 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m

**Members Present:** First Selectman Glenn Pianka, Second Selectman Bill Ballinger and Selectman Zorn

**Members Absent:** None.

Others present: 4 members of the public

**Item 1:**Public Comments

Barbara MacFayden, Cedar Lane, Bozrah, commented on bringing the budget to a referendum instead of a town meeting.

**MOTION 1:** B. Ballinger made a motion to add to the agenda the approval of the June 8, 2016 meeting's minutes. C. Zorn seconded the motion.  
Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 2:** Accept and approve the June 8, 2016 meeting's minutes

**MOTION 2:** C. Zorn made a motion to approve the June 8, 2016 meeting's minutes as read. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.  
Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 3:** Solar Power in Bozrah – Request from citizen for Utilities Commission review

G. Pianka asked the board, on behalf of Town of Bozrah, to make formal request for review by Groton Public Utilities to look into the system.

**MOTION 3:** C. Zorn made a motion to endorse requesting Groton Public Utilities. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.  
Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 4:** Unclaimed Decedents – Review State OCME procedure

G. Pianka noted that the Office of Chief Medical Examiner is asking the town to take store remains. The OCME is willing to store the remains at the office with the town to pay \$300 per transport. The storage would be a long-term expense.

**Item 5: Bozrah Local Traffic Authority Items**

1. Pedestrian Signing Project DOT Project #172-438

G. Pianka read aloud a letter from the DOT regarding a pedestrian signing project. This project would not interfere with the DOT Connectivity project.

**MOTION 4:** B. Ballinger made a motion that the board sign on behalf of the town with out going to a town meeting. C. Zoarn seconded the motion. Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Lake Road/ Cottage Road – Letter received

G. Pianka read aloud a letter from James Buberass, traffic engineer, regarding putting an additional stop sign at the intersection of Cottage Road and Lake Road. G. Pianka noted the two options are to add an additional third stop sign or to label the other two stops that oncoming traffic does not stop and that traffic from the right doesn't stop.

B. Ballinger noted there are many seasonal drivers unfamiliar with the area that wouldn't know the oncoming traffic does not stop.

The board agreed that adding two warning signs is the better option.

G. Pianka also noted that any new signage should be labeled BLTA (Bozrah Local Traffic Authority).

**Item 6: Recreation Field expense reimbursement**

**MOTION 5:** B. Ballinger made a motion to accept \$46.89 as a reimbursement for the work at the Recreational Field. C. Zorn seconded the motion. Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 7: Town Meeting Date – FY 16/17 budget**

**MOTION 6:** B. Ballinger made a motion to call a Town Meeting for July 27, 2016 at Fields Memorial School to hear and act on the latest proposed budget request for the Board of Education at \$5,634,115, the Board of Selectman at \$1,522,696 and capital at \$894,701 with a total of \$8,051,512. The Town meeting will also be called to act, hear and approve the Pilot Program with Solar City. C. Zorn seconded the motion. Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 8: Farmer's Market Update**

G. Pianka noted that the new traffic pattern was successful and the help of the many volunteers. G. Pianka also noted the gate is in plan but it should be a "farm like" post and gate.

**Item 9: Fire Marshal Office – Review/ recommendation of recent expenditure**

G. Pianka presented the board with a bill for sirens and radios billed to the Fire Marshal's line. B. Ballinger explained it should be billed to the EMD (Emergency Medical Department) and not the Fire Marshal.

**Item 10: Collins & Jewell – Request for alteration at cul-de-sac**

G. Pianka explained that the cul-de-sac was difficult for large trucks entering Collins & Jewell. The owner of Collins & Jewell offered to pay for part of the corrections of the cul-de-sac though G. Pianka felt this was not necessary. The options are to get rid of the cul-de-sac by removing the center or to change the sides.

**MOTION 7:** B. Ballinger made a motion to move ahead with plans to remove the center of the cul-de-sac after meeting with an engineer. C. Zorn seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 11: Letter of support – Town of Franklin sewer/water project**

G. Pianka gave the board copies of the letter.

**Item 12: DPW – Culvert work**

G. Pianka noted that 6 culverts need attention and work will commence soon.

G. Pianka also noted to the Board that they received a letter from the DOT engineering form asking for a list of all town bridge inspections.

**Item 13: Vanguard Investment Account – Bozrah Rural Cemetery**

G. Pianka explained the paperwork already submitted has to be updated on a different form.

**Item 14: Other Business**

B. Ballinger noted the consideration of the board creating an investigation committee based on reports of verbal abuse.

**MOTION 8:** B. Ballinger made a motion to form an investigation committee, consisting of 4 people, two republicans and two democrats, that would be chaired by the Chairman of the Board of Finance, a member of the Board of Selectman (Carl Zorn) and a fourth member from the Board of Education, to investigate the persistent reports of verbal abuse of employees of the town by the First Selectman. The committee would report back to the Board of Selectman in executive session with their findings and recommendations.

Vote 1 – 2 – **MOTION NOT CARRIED**

**MOTION 9:** C. Zorn made a motion to hire a human resources advocate to provide conflict resolution for town hall employees. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 15:** Final Public Comment

Ev Brown commented on the towns website, the town hearing and the dump employees.

Ray Barber commented on Items 4 and 10. R. Barber also commented on the TWIB, the Bozrah Rural Cemetery and the Rt. 82 water project.

**MOTION 10:** B. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. C. Zorn seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted for the board,

Heather Barber

Recording Secretary