



# TWIB NOTES



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Town Website

April 17, 2020

[Townofbozrah.org](http://Townofbozrah.org)

## **THE BOZRAH SENIOR CENTER IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Meals on Wheels program is currently on hold for new sign-ups. The program IS running for those currently signed up. There is a waiting list for anyone who would like to sign-up.

Contact PAM CONTINO (860-917-5672) if you would like to be put on the waiting list.

### **FIRST SELECTMAN'S CORNER**

The town hall is closed to general public access to make sure that the employees aren't exposed and reduce the public exposure.

If there is something that you have to do at the town hall, call first and make arrangements with the party needed. Almost everything can be done without coming to the town hall. Temperature screenings will now be required for entry to the town hall.

The playscapes at the school and the recreation field are closed, along with the basketball courts.

If you are sick, call your doctor and see if you can get tested. If you are having trouble breathing or are in serious trouble call 911 and the EMT's will show up. There is a mobile test facility at Backus Hospital, but it requires a doctor's request for you to get tested.

Pam Contino has accepted the position of the food bank coordinator for the town food bank. Access to the food bank will be by phone request only. You may call Pam Contino (860-917-5672) or the First Selectman and leave a request. Boxes can be picked up or delivered Thursday afternoon.

If you want something to do, consider helping us clean up the trash along the roads of Bozrah. Make sure and wear rubber gloves, and don't touch your face.

### **BUDGET APPROVAL CYCLE**

1. The BOF meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> went well, there are comments that we should reduce the budget request this year to aid the economic recovery of the taxpayers in this year.

2. The budgets for the Board of Education, Board of Selectman, and Capital are posted on the website.
3. The next BOF meeting is the 27<sup>th</sup>, please comment by email before the finance board meets again to: [moconnor@bozrahct.org](mailto:moconnor@bozrahct.org)
4. During the budget approval process the Board of Selectman will meet, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order, and they will authorize the Board of Finance to approve the budgets instead of a town meeting or referendum. This is required to avoid large gatherings of people, again for everyone's safety.
5. Once the Board of Finance has considered all of the variables and are satisfied with the budgets they will approve the budget.
6. The Board of Finance will approve a mill rate for property taxes in the upcoming year. The current mill rate of 27.5 mills has been in place for the last two fiscal years. Three years ago it was 28.5 mills and four years ago it was 27.5 mills.

### **ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

Due to the growing concerns about the spread of the COVID-19 virus the Assessor's Office is closed. Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 75 has suspended the reapplication requirement for the Homeowner's Tax Credit. Those already on the homeowner's program will automatically receive the same credit they got last year. New applicants need to provide proof of income by May 15, 2020 in order to receive the benefit. Please call the Assessor's Office to make arrangements. (860-889-2689 x205)

## **FIELDS MEMORIAL SCHOOL UPDATE 4-14-20**

March 15th began a challenge for all of us unlike anything we have endured in our homes, across our state and nation, and at Fields Memorial School. School has been closed now for over a month. May 20th is now the new target date to be considered for reopening our schools. From the first day of schools being closed, our teachers, and staff members have put the needs of our children first, providing packets of work to do at home, breakfast and lunches for anyone under the age of 18, and technology assistance to families in need.

Distance learning began two weeks ago in the form of Google Classroom. This has been a new adventure for us all, as we turn our kitchen tables into classrooms. Our administration and staff are continually finding new applications, and ways to make our students' virtual classrooms come to life. I am very proud of the efforts put forth by our entire staff in their respective areas, to be sure that technology is available and supported, that classroom lessons are accessible every day, that teachers can come into a clean and disinfected building for materials, that special education services are available, and that food is being served daily. This has truly been a team effort, and I feel very fortunate to be a part of the FMS team.

Our biggest hope, however, is for the health and well being of all of our FMS family. We look forward to having our students back in their classrooms at school and everyone back to their normal schedules.

Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ruth Levy,  
Interim Superintendent of Schools  
[rlevy@bozrah.org](mailto:rlevy@bozrah.org)

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE**

The FMS special education teachers, related service providers and paraprofessionals need to be acknowledged for their commitment to providing continued support to our special education students and their families. In addition, Mrs. Leask has been instrumental in providing access to technology for those students who need it. Every effort is being made to ensure that students have access to their education and that necessary, appropriate modifications and accommodations are implemented under these difficult circumstances. For those parents who are struggling to provide academic support to their children at this time, please know that we are here to help by devising individualized plans for you and your children. We appreciate you communicating with us.

Based on guidance from the CT Department of Education, PPT and 504 meetings should not be held during school closure unless several conditions are met:

-Parents/guardians are comfortable participating in a meeting via Zoom

-All necessary parties are able to participate

-We have the necessary data to make decisions for meetings such as annual reviews or referrals.

If you believe that a meeting is necessary, please do not hesitate to contact me and we can discuss it.

In addition, if you have any questions or concerns about the services your special education student is receiving at this time, my email is [ehargreaves@bozrah.org](mailto:ehargreaves@bozrah.org).

Best wishes for good health.

Eileen Hargreaves  
Director of Special Education (part-time)  
Bozrah Public Schools

## **PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARIES**

THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARIES FOR THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PARTIES WILL BE HELD ON **JUNE 2, 2020** FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. AT FIELDS MEMORIAL SCHOOL.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON MAY 12, 2020.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS AT: [ROV@BOZRAHCT.ORG](mailto:ROV@BOZRAHCT.ORG) OR 860-889-2689 X 2



## **BOZRAH MOOSE LODGE**



115 Fitchville Road

### ***Fish & Chip Night***

**Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM**

**Take Out Only**

**Drive up, place your order, and we will bring it out to you!**

**Fish-n-Chips - \$10**

**Sea Scallops - \$15**

**Clam Strip Dinner - \$8**

**Fish Sandwich - \$5**  
(with or without cheese)

**Clam Fritters (6) - \$5**

**French Fries - \$3**

**RI Clam Chowder - \$4**  
(clear broth)

**Beer & Wine Available for Purchase**

## **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER**

**860-774-1253**

## **TOWN MEETINGS**

**Committee**

**BOS**

**BOF**

**Date**

**April 21, 2020**

**April 27, 2020**

**Time and Place**

**7:00 P.M. ZOOM MTG.**

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**Have a great week**

**Carl Zorn**