

TOWN OF BOZRAH
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ZOOM - VIDEO CONFERENCE
July 2, 2020

Item 1: First Selectman Carl Zorn called a Special Meeting of the Bozrah Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order via Zoom Video Conference on July 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: 21 members of the public

Item 2: Public Comments

Alex Kapalotis, Hickory Lane, commented on his concerns of continuing the Bozrah Summer Camp this summer due to COVID-19.

Jacob Gwendo, Caroline Road, commented on his support of running the Bozrah Summer Camp and noted it would be beneficial for his child to participate.

Julie Martin, Bashon Hill Road, commented on her support of running the Bozrah Summer Camp.

Jeremy Tarasevich, Fitchville Road, commented on his support of running the Bozrah Summer Camp.

Becky Tarasevich, Fitchville Road, commented on her support of running the Bozrah Summer Camp, noting it would benefit her child to learn social distancing before starting school in the fall.

Amber Moore, Bishop Road, commented on her support of running the Bozrah Summer Camp, noting it would help socialize her child.

Toby Ladd, Fitchville Road, commented on her support of running the Bozrah Summer Camp.

Kris Wagner, Bozrah Street, commented on his support of running the Bozrah Summer Camp.

Lindsey Donnelin, Rosemary Lane, commented on her support of running the Bozrah Summer Camp and noted she believes it can be done safely.

Sue Ververis, Bishop Road, commented on her concerns of child safety at the Bozrah Summer Camp due to COVID-19 and noted her issue with the pay rates of the part time employees running the camp.

Jordan Kaiser, Bashon Hill Road, commented on his support of running the Bozrah Summer Camp and noted the staff deserves to get paid the same as last year because of the planning put into each day.

Item 3: Discuss, consider and vote on requesting the Board of Finance to appropriate funds to restore the Recreation Commission Summer Program

MOTION 1: B. Ballinger made a motion to bring item 3 to the floor for discussion. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

C. Zorn noted there were only a few towns running summer camps this year due to COVID-19 and noted his concerns on how the camp could run and keep everyone safe. C. Zorn suggested that the camp run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. so the kids could eat at home and reduce some risks that come with COVID-19. C. Zorn also noted they should add a third staff member at \$14 an hour and change the other two staff members' rates from \$19.47 an hour to \$17 an hour to better match other part time employees in town.

B. Ballinger noted his understanding of the parents concerns with socialization of their children. He noted the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen is to care for the town and explained his concerns with the liability of the town. B. Ballinger suggested the staff of the program get trained on the COVID-19 procedures.

G. Pianka noted his agreement with B. Ballinger on the responsibility to keep the town safe. G. Pianka noted he is in favor of having the camp from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. after checking in with insurance and Uncas Health. He also noted having a waiver that parents would sign before having their child go to camp. G. Pianka noted the staff should take the temperature of each child as they come to camp and document that.

Miranda Cirrito, a staff at the summer program, noted each child will have their own basket for camp so the children won't be sharing items. M. Cirrito also noted she believes the staff deserves to continue at the rate of \$19.47 an hour.

MOTION 2: C. Zorn made a motion to request \$6000.00 to restore the Recreation Commission Summer Program. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 4: Public Comment

Sue Ververis, Bishop Road, commented on the salaries of the summer program staff.

Alex Kapalotis, Hickory Lane, commented on the \$15 charge for summer camp, questioning if it would stay the same with the hours shortened.

Jordan Kaiser, Bashon Hill Road, commented on his support of running the Bozrah Summer Camp.

Jacob Gwendo, Caroline Road, commented that he believed the salaries of the staff of the Bozrah Summer Camp were fair.

Item 5: Adourn

MOTION 3: B. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted for the Board,

Heather Barber
Recording Secretary