First Selectman Glenn Pianka called a Regular Meeting of the Bozrah Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at the Town Hall on February 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: Five members of the public.

Item A: Review and approve the minutes of the January 21, 2016 special meeting.

MOTION 1: B. Ballinger made a motion to review and approve the minutes of the January 21, 2016 special meeting at the next meeting. C. Zorn seconded the motion. Vote unanimous – MOTION CARRIED

Item B: Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes per individual)

Raymond Barber, Goshen Road, Bozrah, commented on item 1 under New Business.

Barbara MacFadyen, Cedar Lane, Bozrah, commented on the Town Website and Salem Library.

Item C: Receive Correspondence

No written correspondence.

Item D: New Business

1. Bozrah Utilities Commission (SEMAC)

   G. Pianka stated that there was an unfair representation of Bozrah on the committee with 3 members from Bozrah and 4 from Groton. This has resulted in many Bozrah issues being out voted. B. Ballinger agreed with this.

   The P.I.L.O.T. for the Bozrah Utilities Commission may need review and it was recommended that it be updated. C. Zorn thought this may be unnecessary.

2. Human Resources Person
G. Pianka discussed hiring a human resources person to work between Franklin, Sprague and Bozrah with each town split between the Board of Educations and the towns themselves. This would cost each town about $27,000. G. Pianka believes there would be many benefits to having a human resources person.

B. Ballinger said they should seriously consider a human resources person in next years budget.

C. Zorn discussed that if a human resources person is appointed then it should be through specific contracts.

3. Soccer Field at FMS

There was discussion on the creating a soccer field at FMS. G. Pianka handed out a map of the existing conditions of the field. This would give the town a regular sized soccer field with a walking track with lighting. Lenard Engineering was contacted to advance the project.

4. Troop K (State Police) number change

The number for the Troop K (State Police) was changed two years ago and wasn’t addressed but is being addressed now.

5. TRANSFER SWITCH – FMS Generator

G. Pianka addressed the broken transfer switch on the FMS generator.

The broken part has been identified and if one can’t be found then a company was found that can make a new one.

EMPG grant funding will be sought to defray cost due to FMS being a designated shelter.

6. Town Website – On-Line Voter Registration

G. Pianka discussed that a citizen volunteer could keep the town website up to date. He also discussed adding a link to an online voter registration system, allowing citizens easy access to register to vote.

7. Tax Collector update

Tax collector, Nancy Renshaw, talked about Quality Data, a resource for citizens to access and pay their taxes online. This would allow citizens to pay their taxes with credit cards. The estimated cost for the town is $500 a year.
Nancy also said that she received a $10,000 bill from the attorney covering the 314 Bozrah Street bankruptcy. An email was sent to the attorney and his responding email was copied and handed out at the meeting.

8. Stockhouse Road sewer

B. Ballinger explained that about $75,000 has been spent over the past five years regarding preliminary consulting fees of the Stockhouse Road sewer. The overcall cost for the entire system is estimated at $12 million. B. Ballinger has been applying for STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Plans) grants to pay for the rest of the engineering. He announced that we have received a $500,000 STEAP grant but still need about $5,000,000 grant from the State Bond Commission. Franklin has received a $5,000,000 grant for this and it is expected that we are next due to our economic similarities.

B. Ballinger plans to start the detailed engineering, which would be no cost. G. Pianka agrees that this is a good place to start and that the plans for the sewer line could even go further than initially stated.

9. Rt. 82 Improvements
   a. Site Lines

   G. Pianka noted the many accidents on the Rt. 82 and Wawecus Hill intersection due to the poor site lines. He proposed to initiate action with the Department of Transportation (DOT) for reconstruction for this area.

   C. Zorn will follow up with the DOT.

   b. Sewer/ Water Lines

   C. Zorn will review the booklet from the CLA Engineers Inc., Lenard Engineering and Anchor engineering and put together a comparison sheet.

   Review of the CLA and Anchor booklet will be put on next meeting’s agenda.

10. Budget Process

G. Pianka explained he was looking for guidance on how to change certain budgets. B. Ballinger said to take the current budget then ask for changes. The next Board of Finance meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2016.

11. Outdoor Wood Furnaces
A group regarding the use of outdoor wood furnaces has contacted G. Pianka wanting Bozrah to adopt an ordinance; they are looking for formal feedback.

**MOTION 2:** B. Ballinger made a motion that we would not adopt an ordinance regarding outdoor wood furnaces. C. Zorn seconded this motion. Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

12. Belfor Property Restoration Services

G. Pianka explained the Belfor Property Restoration services are looking to have Bozrah sign on with their red alert service. They would be the main service for town properties in a catastrophe. They would come in and restore damages as well as protect for future issues. There would be non-monetary contract involved.

Further discussion on this will be put on the agenda for next month’s meeting.

**Item E: Old Business**

1. Bialowas Property – Rt. 163

G. Pianka updated there has been an appeals assessment of $35,000 for the whole property.

2. Bozrah Rural Cemetery

G. Pianka filed paperwork with the investment firm to change authorized persons to access the account.

G. Pianka also stated that he talked to the Calvert family regarding the Helen Calvert Fund and they wish to use the $18,000 for maintenance as originally intended and not for new property purchase.

3. Zucker Property

G. Pianka met with Sarah Zucker and she has contacted an attorney and plans to get the sale done quickly. There will be more information on this next meeting.

4. Rt. 82 Water Update

Selectman Zorn reported on receipt of RFP’s from Lenard, Anchor and CLA Engineers today, further review at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.
5. Assistant Assessor Position

There will be a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Friday February 19, 2016 regarding the Assistant Assessor Position selection process.

6. Maples Farm Park Driveway

G. Pianka hopes to keep the sites “Country style” and if signs are necessary to only put them out for high traffic events. There will be further discussion with D.O.T. on the matter to take place.

There are some requirements for the lower driveway. There is an estimate of $3,500 from Lenard Engineering for design drawings. There will be further negotiation by G. Pianka on the matter.


The ordinance for the elections in Bozrah says each party can nominate two people.

C. Zorn felt that this wasn’t worth spending large amounts of money on.

**Item F:** Such other business as the board may vote to hear

None.

**Item G:** Final Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes per individual)

Barbara MacFayden, Cedar Lane, Bozrah commented on the meeting scheduled for Friday February 19, 2016.

Nancy Renshaw commented on the meeting scheduled for Friday February 19, 2016.

**MOTION 3:** G. Pianka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

Heather Barber

Recording Secretary