The Bozrah Board of Selectman will hold a special meeting on Wednesday 14 Jan 2015 at 6:00 pm in the meeting room of the Bozrah Town Hall

1. Interview candidates for Assistant Town Clerk position

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The Bozrah Board of Selectman will hold a special meeting on Tuesday 24 March 2015 at 6:00 pm in the meeting room of the Bozrah Town Hall

1. FY 15/16 Budget workshop

2. Discussion/action on forwarding a recommended FY 15/16 General Government and Capital Budget to the Bozrah Board of Finance

3. Approve the proposed “Expansion Project Development Agreement” between Yankee Gas (Eversource Energy), the Town of Bozrah and the Town of Franklin to install a natural gas pipeline into Bozrah from Rt. 87 up Stockhouse to Rachel and up Rachel to Collins & Jewell.

William E. Ballinger
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The Bozrah Board of Selectman will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, 21 April 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room at the Bozrah Town Hall

1. Review and approve the minutes of the 17 Mar 2015 regular meeting and the 24 and 25 March 2015 and 9 and 14 April 2015 special meetings.

2. Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes per individual)


4. Maples Farm Park/Farmers Market update and monthly report

5. Senior Center update, monthly report and program director’s report

6. Discussion/Approval of proposed Willimantic Waste Paper contract for refuse and recycling services.

7. Notification of the need and intent to add another transfer station attendant.

8. Discussion/Approval of a request to the BOF that $10,000 of the $34,617 received from CIRMA be transferred to the 14/15 budget line item 190/54065 to repair the F550 damaged in the engine fire.

9. Review the town attorney’s comment/suggestion on the “full time employee” motion recently adopted by the BOS

10. Review comments from the town attorney concerning the draft job description for the position of tree warden

11. Review/Discuss a possible contract between the Town of Bozrah and CodeRED Emergency Notification System (a reverse 911 system). This company has been recommended by the EMD and the contract reviewed by the town attorney.

12. Continued discussion/workshop on development of the FY 15/16 budget

13. Final Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes per individual)

14. Such other business as the board may vote to hear

William E. Ballinger
1st Selectman
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TOWN OF BOZRAH
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BOZRAH TOWN HALL
APRIL 21, 2015

First Selectman Bill Ballinger called a Special Meeting of the Bozrah Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at the Town Hall on April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** First Selectman Bill Ballinger, Selectwoman Catherine McCue and Selectman Carl Zorn.

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** 3 members of the public.

**Item #1.** Review and approve the minutes of the 17 March 2015 regular meeting and the 24 March 2015, 25 March 2015, 9 April 2015 and 14 April 2015 special meetings.

**MOTION #1:** C. Zorn made a motion to approve the minutes of the 17 March 2015 regular meeting. C. McCue seconded the motion.

**IN FAVOR:** C. ZORN AND C. MC CUE. **OPPOSED:** B. BALLINGER. **MOTION CARRIED**

C. McCue noted that Item #1 Maples Farm Park (127) should state Cleaning/Exterminator goes through the same line item. The Ag Viability Grant (for Parking) is a Pass Through Grant.

**MOTION #2:** C. McCue made a motion to approve the minutes of 24 March 2015 special meeting as amended above. C. Zorn seconded the motion.

**VOTE UNANIMOUS -- MOTION CARRIED**

C. McCue noted that there was one member of the public present at that meeting. In the last paragraph of page 1, the Director of Operations received “more than a $2.00” an hour raise and also, move the Farmers Market operation to “The Homestead”. The second paragraph on page 2 should state Maples Farm Park account will reimburse the Town when the “Ag Viability Grant (for Parking)” is received from the State.

**MOTION #3:** C. Zorn made a motion to approve the minutes of the 25 March 2015 special meeting as amended. C. McCue seconded the motion.

**VOTE UNANIMOUS -- MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION #4:** C. Zorn made a motion to approve the minutes of the 9 April 2015 special meeting as amended. C. McCue seconded the motion.

**VOTE UNANIMOUS -- MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION #5:** C. Zorn made a motion to approve the minutes of the 14 April 2015 special meeting. C. McCue seconded the motion.

**VOTE UNANIMOUS -- MOTION CARRIED.**

**Item #2.** Public Comments. None
**Item #3.** Selectman’s update on town issues.

B. Ballinger stated that most of his time now is centered on the 2015/2016 budget preparation. C. Zorn and C. McCue received the requested payroll ledgers and the monthly detailed payroll printout.

The Fire Department is lacking sufficient coverage for certain parts of the day and is looking at ways to enhance the needed coverage as 90% of the calls are for medical issues. The Fire Department has formed a committee to pursue options.

**Item #4.** Maples Farm Park/Farmers Market update and monthly report.

C. McCue reviewed the Maples Farm Park Report to the BOS. The Maples Farm Commission has requested that their meeting minutes be posted on the Town website.

**Item #5.** Senior Center update, monthly report and program director’s report.

None

C. McCue stated that the dead Alberta spruce trees should be removed from the grounds. She also mentioned there are two bank accounts that were started by Christine Baker. B. Ballinger stated those accounts are being monitored as well as an account that is earmarked for the Bozrah senior citizens that was initially started by the now defunct 60 Plus organization.

**Item #6.** Discussion/Approval of proposed Willimantic Waste Paper contract for refuse and recycling services.

B. Ballinger recommended approving a two year contract with Willimantic Waste beginning in July 2015.

**MOTION #6:** C. Zorn made a motion to approve the proposed Willimantic Waste Paper contract for two years. C. McCue seconded the motion.

VOTE UNANIMOUS – MOTION CARRIED

**Item #7.** Notification of the need and intent to add another transfer station attendant.

Bill Ballinger stated there are currently 3 employees working and that two are needed at all times. The employees are not always available and an additional attendant would help with the coverage. There would be no additional cost to the town to employ a fourth attendant. C. Zorn and C. McCue would approve of the new hire based on a background check by B. Ballinger.

**Item #8.** Discussion/Approval of a request to the BOF that $10,000 of the $34,617 received from CIRMA be transferred to the 14/15 budget line item 190/54065 to repair F550 damaged in the engine fire.
B. Ballinger noted that a damaged truck has about 40,000 miles. A new engine could be installed for about $8,800 and the repaired truck could be back in service in July.

**MOTION #7:** C. McCue made a motion to request the Board of Finance that $10,000 of the $34,617 received from CIRMA be transferred to the 14/15 budget line item 190/54065 to repair F550 truck damaged in the engine fire. C. Zorn seconded the motion.

**VOTE UNANIMOUS – MOTION CARRIED**

**Item #9.** Review the town attorney’s comment/suggestion on the “full time employee” motion recently adopted by the BOS.

It was the consensus of the Board not to change the recently adopted motion.

**Item #10.** Review comments from the town attorney concerning the draft job description for the position of tree warden.

**MOTION #8:** C. Zorn made a motion to table to the draft job description for the position of tree warden with the caveat that C. Zorn will incorporate the attorney’s comments for the next meeting. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.

**VOTE UNANIMOUS – MOTION CARRIED**

**Item #11.** Review/Discuss a possible contract between the Town of Bozrah and CodeRED Emergency Notification System (a reverse 911 system). This company has been recommended by the EMD and the contract reviewed by the town attorney.

There was a discussion regarding this reverse 911 system.

**MOTION #9:** C. Zorn made a motion to disapprove the contract between CodeRED and the Town of Bozrah. C. McCue seconded the motion. B. Ballinger opposed. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item #12.** Continued discussion/workshop on development of the FY 15/16 budget.

B. Ballinger stated that he preferred waiting for the decisions of the April 22nd BOF special meeting before making any major budget changes. He did point out that the health insurance was originally based on a 10% increase, but the health insurance came in at 7% and the vision and dental insurance is 5%. Employee health insurance could be affected by the Affordable Care Act which will be implemented over the next few years.

The Board discussed the financial operations of Maples Farm Park. The Ag Viability Grant (for Parking) for Maples Farm Park is $3,360. The operating costs should go to the center that generates the cost and in the future, there should be line items for the cost of operating Maples Farm Park.

B. Ballinger strongly suggested that the Board wait for the outcome of the BOF special meeting before making adjustments to the 2015/2016 budget.
**Item #13.** Final Public Comments.

Raymond Barber presented five questions/comments:

1. The Ag Viability Grant for Maples Farm Park.
2. Were competing bids sought for the refuse and recycling services contract.
3. Did the tonnage fees increase to justify hiring an additional person at the Transfer Station.
4. The cost to repair the F550 truck damaged in the engine fire.
5. The rejected contract for a reverse 911 system.

**Item #14.** Such other business as the board may vote to hear.

None

**MOTION #10:** With no other business before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by C. Zorn. C. McCue seconded the motion. VOTE UNANIMOUS – **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

Bev Onsager
Recording Secretary

Attachment: Maples Farm Park Report 04/21/15
MFP Commission meeting minutes are requested by the Commission to be posted to the Town website.

Requesting the MFP report to the BOS be attached to BOS minutes.

Request for volunteers to ready the park for spring was placed on Facebook. Volunteer signup sheets will be available in the Info tent at the May 2nd Market

**Financial**

Approval of Department of Ag Viability grant obtained by Kitty McCue. Grant has 50% match. Grant will fund 50% of the direct mailing of the post card, rackcards and 50% of 4 parking people for 3 hours for 15 weeks at $14 per hour. $1,680 to pay for 50% of parking costs, total grant $4,270. Total parking attendant costs are 3,360. This is not to pay current volunteers it is to attract four more people to help.

**Homestead** arranged for and paid for by MFP fundraised monies

Printer & phone with answering machine, PO Box 12, stamps

Garbage bags and marking paint for farmers market purchased. Weatherproofing stain for picnic tables and brushes purchased.

**Homestead & Park needs**

Trails- Spring cleanup begun by Don Kniss-Cowpath blown free of debris and sticks from Maples Farm Park through to the Rec field. Approximately 3/4 of a mile of trails have been blown off and deadfall removed. Trails edged defined and drainage run offs cleared. Approximately 12 hours projected to complete trail clean up. Bull Run trail needs to be cleared off of leaves and sticks.

Plan for Seasonal Grounds Keeper or DPW to spend 20 hours on fall trail cleanup and 15 in the spring depending on weather and tree falls.

Grounds-Most of sticks picked were picked up by Kitty McCue along swale and maple grove. Broken glass and trash picked up along the whole frontage of the property, from the corn field to the neighboring house. Landscaping beds raked and debris removed by volunteer Dennis Main and Kitty McCue-piles of debris and sticks on park grounds for pick up

Dog Waste station emptied and new bags placed in dispenser by Don Kniss

Picnic tables and tree benches need weather proofing the Commission has purchased the stain and brushes. Someone is needed to apply the stain.
Door hairline vertical crack in upstairs bathroom

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Paint peeling from porch floor, rotted board needs attention.
Replaced outside sensor light that shines on the sidewalk
Parking lot and pot holes filled by volunteer Steve Watson-needs chip stone on top

Farmers Market

On schedule with vendors, musicians and theme nights

Events

• Ag Commission and Historical Society part 2
• Poetry Fest, April 25th
• French Country Market May 2nd
• Plant Swap May 16
• Farmers Market July 3rd
First Selectman Bill Ballinger called a Special Meeting of the Bozrah Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at the Town Hall on May 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: First Selectman Bill Ballinger, Selectwoman Catherine McCue and Selectman Carl Zorn

Members absent: None

Members of the public: One member of the public

1. FY 15/16 Budget workshop

A discussion was held concerning possible adjustment to the proposed FY 15/16 General Government and Capitol Budgets based on the comments received from the 20 April 2015 BOF hearing and the subsequent 22 April 2015 BOF workshop. Selectman Ballinger submitted a list of suggested changes that would reduce both the general government and the capital budgets and incorporate some of the comments received as well as some update adjustments due to more recent data. Major items discussed included:

   a) Increasing the 1st Selectman salary to make it more competitive
   b) Reducing the Health Insurance line item due to a lower than expected increase for next year
   c) Adjustments to several items in the Town Clerk’s budget based on better estimates of projected need for next year, to include an increase in the assistant’s line item
   d) Funding the tax collector’s assistant line item
   e) Upward adjustments to the town planner’s line item
   f) Decrease in the town engineer’s line item based on current and projected level of use
   g) Increased the parking grant line item at Maples Farm due to an increase in the grant
   h) Various adjustments in the general highway and town vehicle fuel accounts
   i) Downward adjustments to the ECTC line item in the senior citizens account due to reduced use.
   j) Downward adjustments to various line items in the general government capital budget
C. Zorn made a motion to recommend that the BOF approve the budget adjustment discussed which would result in the following totals

- Capital $789,581
- Gen Gov $1,528,649
- Total Combined $2,318,230

C. McCue seconded the motion. VOTE UNANIMOUS – MOTION CARRIED

2. Approve a resolution to the effect that it is in the best interest of the Town of Bozrah to enter into contracts with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture for the 2014 Farm Viability Grant Program and to further authorize the 1st Selectman to sign any documents required to receive said grant(s).

C. Zorn made a motion to approve the resolution as presented
C. McCue seconded the motion. VOTE UNANIMOUS – MOTION CARRIED

C. McCue made a motion to adjourn at 7:52 pm
C. Zorn seconded the motion. VOTE UNANIMOUS – MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted for the board

William E. Ballinger
The Bozrah Board of Selectman will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, 19 May 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room at the Bozrah Town Hall

1. Review and approve the minutes of the 21 April 2015 regular meeting and the 13 May 2015 special meeting.

2. Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes per individual)


4. Maples Farm Park/Farmers Market update and monthly report

5. Senior Center update, monthly report and program director’s report

6. Reappoint the following commission members:

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7. Continued discussion/workshop/action on the FY 15/16 budget (If Needed)

8. Issue a call for the Annual Town Meeting and set the date

9. Final Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes per individual)

10. Such other business as the board may vote to hear

William E. Ballinger
1st Selectman
Bozrah
First Selectman Bill Ballinger called a Regular Meeting of the Bozrah Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at the Town Hall on June 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** First Selectman Bill Ballinger, Selectwoman Catherine McCue and Selectman Carl Zorn.

**Members Absent:** None.

Others Present: Three member of the public.

**Item #1.** Review and approve the minutes of the 19 May 2015 regular meeting.

**MOTION #1:** C. Zorn made a motion to approve the minutes of the 19 May 2015 regular meeting. C. McCue seconded the motion. Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item #2.** Public Comments.

Jane Seder reported on the status of a Senior bank account that is funded by the now defunct 60 Plus Association that is currently held by the Steering Committee members Barbara MacFayden, Gloria Outwater and Jane Seder. There is $5,000 in the account which was given for the benefit of the senior residents of Bozrah and not the Bozrah Senior Center. The Committee has met with a financial advisor, is working on drawing up guidelines to implement funding distribution, and will keep the BOS apprised of their progress. Rather than spend down the funds, the plan is to invest the $5,000 and use the interest to grow the account. The Steering Committee would like to appoint John Onsager as a new member and accept the resignation of Gloria Outwater who has moved out of Bozrah and it was the consensus of the BOS to approve that appointment. More financial information including the need to obtain an Employee Identification Number is necessary before opening an investment account. The Steering Committee will present their report at the July BOS meeting.

There is also another separate Senior account of $1,200, not held by the above Steering Committee, that has been funded by rental of the Senior Center and those funds are earmarked for the exclusive use of the Senior Center only.

Raymond Barber commented that the early reappointment of the Maples Farm Commission members should be delayed until after the election of the next First Selectman so as not to be changing reappointment dates to satisfy political ambitions.
Item #3. Selectman’s update.

B. Ballinger addressed the rate structure used by BL&P. Essentially the rate is based on peak usage during the month even if the usage drops later within that month. Town Hall usage is now higher than before the renovations due to more electrical equipment. The Senior Center is not used daily, but the higher electrical rate use can be attributed to the old air conditioner. Installing a new, more efficient cooling unit at the Senior Center could lower electrical rates. C. Zorn suggested the electrical wiring should be checked at Maples Farm for any amperage issues and B. Ballinger will have Scott Barber inspect to make sure the wiring was done correctly.

Repairs to the damaged town dump truck were completed at a cost of $10,800. A couple of air conditioning lines had to be replaced at an additional cost of $800 and that sum will have to be taken out of one of the repair accounts. The Town received $20,000 on the insurance settlement claim for this truck.

The Senior Center director wants to stay on in a volunteer position. Both C. McCue and C. Zorn thought there was a vote in the past to eliminate that position. B. Ballinger stated his recollection was to vote to defund the position. He will confirm the vote history before the July meeting.

KX/Montville PSAP update

Montville Town Council recently voted to pull out of consolidation with KX and that leaves 7 towns remaining which is not sustainable. Our current contract expires July 2016 and our cost is fixed until the contract expires. When a town pulls out, their membership funding is lost along with the State’s contribution for that town. If all the towns pull out, KX could go bankrupt. Colchester needs KX’s tower and perhaps a consortium could get the right to use and feed a signal through that tower to provide service. In November or December, the Town will have to give advance notice to renew or not renew the contract. All the remaining towns are concerned that costs will skyrocket when the current contracts expire. The CEO’s for the towns are scheduled to meet on June 25th. Details will follow as more options explored.

C. McCue requested that space for email address information be incorporated on the Town job application forms.

C. McCue inquired about posting information to alert the townspeople about changes that will occur at the Transfer Site sometime in July when Willimantic Waste becomes fully operational. The TWIB Notes will also carry the same information.

C. McCue also inquired heating and air conditioning bids for the Senior Center. B. Ballinger will obtain at least three bids for the project.

C. Zorn commented that the BOE needs a Building Committee because State law now requires that renovations have to be under the auspices of Building Committee. The warranty for the roof
expired a few years ago and the patches done since then are costly. B. Ballinger will check with the BOE about having BOS representation on the Building Committee.

C. Zorn inquired about the 8 ½ acres donated by Seymour Adelman for the proposed soccer field to be built behind Fields Memorial School. C. Zorn would like to start fundraising for this project by soliciting donations from local businesses. Alex Kapilotis of Lenard Engineering will present design plans for the soccer field as well as a running track. C. McCue stated that CCM provides free assistance to towns in locating grants for project funding.

**Item #4.** Maples Farm Park/Farmers Market update and monthly report.

C. McCue reviewed the Maple Farm Park monthly report which is attached to these minutes. At present there are two applicants for the parking attendant positions and interviews will follow after we receive a few more applications.

**Item #5.** Senior Center update, monthly report and program director’s report

No Report.

**Item #6.** Reappoint the following Maples Farm Park Commission members:

a) Amanda Fargo Johnson (U) 12/15/15 – 12/15/18
b) Debra Stake 12/15/15 – 12/15/18
c) Kitty McCue 12/15/15 – 12/15/18

B. Ballinger doesn’t think it is wise or ethical to reappoint the Maples Farm Park Commission members at this time since their terms don’t expire until December 15, 2015 and it would be more appropriate to wait until after the new Board of Selectmen are elected this November.

**MOTION #2:** C. Zorn made a motion to table the reappointment of the Maples Farm Park Commission members whose terms expire 15 December 2015 until after the election on 3 November 2015. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.

In favor: C. Zorn and B. Ballinger. Abstained: C. McCue

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Item #7.** Final Public Comments.

None.

**Item #8.** Such other business as then board may vote to hear.

B. Ballinger reported that pothole patching has occurred throughout the Town and overlay will begin on parts of Lake, Blue Hill and Brush Hill Roads. He will ask the Town of Franklin to overlay their part of Brush Hill Road at the same time. Chip seal will be applied to South Road
after the July 1 fiscal year. There should be about $35,000 available for road work in the Spring of 2016.

C. Zorn inquired about the Solar Farm on Brush Hill Road. B. Ballinger reported the Citing Council recently approved the project with conditions that were mostly addressed by Planning and Zoning; Inland Wetland Commission; and the engineer’s comments. The sight lines need improvement and some of the big trees should be removed before the overlay begins on Brush Hill Road. At this time, the Town does not have a Tree Warden.

**MOTION #3:** C. Zorn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. B. Ballinger seconded the motion. Vote unanimous -- **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

Bev Onsager

Recording Secretary

Attachment: Maples Farm Park Report 06/16/15
Market

Bozrah Farmers Market is now part of the CT Farmers Market Trail, also cross promoting local businesses

Financial

Commercial has been paid

Homestead

A commercial park picnic table received and assembled by volunteers.

Homestead & Park needs

Volunteer Bruce Neild scraped, primed, filled and painted Homestead porch. Cost $27 paint paid for by MFP Commission. Bruce advises porch wood boards will need to be replaced or plastic decking installed within the next two years.

Volunteer Dave Tessmer and Joe Angelico are building board walks to go over the swale on both sides of the park to encourage pedestrians to cross on the boardwalks, instead of walking in the main intersection of the driveway from the back parking lots. One boardwalk installed.

Front Parking lot will need chip stone

EVENTS

Private event tentatively scheduled for July 26th
Farmers Market Fridays, July 3rd-October 9th
Fire Department multi town drill on trails in late July-waiting for confirmation date.
A Farmers Market volunteer meet and greet will be held June 29th
The Bozrah Board of Selectman will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, 21 July 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room at the Bozrah Town Hall

1. Review and approve the minutes of the 16 June 2015 regular meeting.

2. Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes per individual)

3. Receive correspondence

4. Selectman’s update.
   a) Transfer Station Update (Conversion to Single Stream Recycling)
   b) Seasonal Groundskeeper
   c) Human Resources Manual
   d) Status of Brightfields Solar Farm
   e) Status of FY 14/15 budget
   f) Update on FY 14/15 audit

5. Maples Farm Park/Farmers Market update and monthly report

6. Senior Center update, monthly report and program director’s report

7. Discussion/possible action on Building Official’s position.

8. Final Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes per individual)

9. Such other business as the board may vote to hear

William E. Ballinger
1st Selectman
Bozrah
TOWN OF BOZRAH
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BOZRAH TOWN HALL
July 21, 2015

First Selectman Bill Ballinger called a Regular Meeting of the Bozrah Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at the Town Hall on July 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: First Selectman Bill Ballinger, Selectwoman Catherine McCue and Selectman Carl Zorn.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Twenty eight members of the public.

Item #1. Review and approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 regular meeting.
C. McCue noted on Page 3 that Lenard Engineering, not Alex Kapilotis, will present design plans for the soccer field.

C. Zorn noted that for Motion #2, the motion was made to table the reappointment of the Maples Farm Park Commission members whose terms expire December 15, 2015.

B. Ballinger noted that on Page 4, the Siting Council was misspelled as Citing Council.

MOTION #1: C. Zorn made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 regular meeting as amended. C. McCue seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous – MOTION CARRIED

Item #2. Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes per individual).

B. Ballinger stated this is a statement period from the public and the BOS will not respond to comments at this time. For the record, speakers were requested to provide their name, street address and hometown when making their comments. The Recording Secretary will not record comments verbatim.

Barbara MacFayden, 49 Cedar Lane, Bozrah, commented on the Bozrah Senior Citizens Steering Committee. Comments attached.

The following list of people made comments pertaining to the Farmers Market/Maples Farm Park Commission:

Don Kniss, 143 Bozrah Street, Bozrah. Comments attached.
Gary Durand, 384 Fabyan Road, North Grosvenor Dale
Cynthia Dunne, 604 School Street, Putnam. Comments attached.
Mary Elizabeth Land, 142 Gifford Lane, Bozrah
Elizabeth Turley, 103 Caroline Road, Bozrah
Item #3. Receive correspondence.

The BOS received emails/correspondence from 30 people, including many Bozrah residents, supporting the reappointment of the members to the Maple Farms Park Commission. Prior to the meeting, B. Ballinger contacted the Town Attorney for guidance on the emails/correspondence. The Town Attorney is not aware of any FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) ruling that requires received correspondence to be read into the minutes. All correspondence attached to these minutes will be on line and also, printed packets will be available.

Item #4. Selectman’s update.

Transfer Station Update (Conversion to Single Stream Recycling). Ongoing changes at the Transfer Station were recently posted in the TWIB Notes. Signs will be posted at the Transfer Station to identify the appropriate containers. Cardboard, bottles, cans and paper can be comingled in one container. Separate containers for metal, bulk waste and electronic waste will remain the same. At the State’s request and at no cost to the Town, Willimantic Waste will provide a mattress recycling bin. All these changes should be in effect the first week of August.

Seasonal Groundskeeper. Ken Ingves was recently hired for this position and he should work through September. The Recreation Commission would appreciate having the seasonal groundskeeper available for springtime work, but B. Ballinger explained that funding for this position is limited. It was suggested that the Recreation Commission submit a seasonal priority work list request for consideration during the next budget season.

Human Resources Manual. Bill Ballinger stated the manual will be completed and there will be time for approval before he leaves office in November.

Status of Brightfields Solar Farm. There were drainage issue concerns for this solar project, the issues have been resolved and the plans have been approved by the Siting Council. The plans have now been submitted to the Building Official for review. The value of the property is $4,795,000 and the permit fees are projected around $40,000 to $45,000. There is an ordinance
that allows a break in fees for any property valued over $1,500,000. Board of Finance Chairman Michael O’Connor has been in contact with the Brightfields representatives regarding tax options and this issue should be resolved sometime this fall.

Status of FY 14/15 budget. Approximately $33,000 - $34,00 surplus will be returned to the town. Not all bills are received by June 30 and B. Ballinger doesn’t think it that amount will change by the time the books are closed in August.

Update on FY 14/15 audit. The auditors started reviewing the books two weeks ago and they hope to finish the audit in October.

C. Zorn inquired about paving. B. Ballinger reported that part of Lake Road has been paved and Brush Hill will be paved from the Town line to the crest of the hill after trees along the road by Brightfields Solar Farm are removed. South Road will be chip sealed. The BOS tries to reserve about $40,000 of their annual budget for road work that needs to be done in the spring following the winter season.

**Item #5.** Maples Farm Park/Farmers Market update and monthly report.

C. McCue reviewed the Maple Farm Park monthly report which is attached to these minutes.

**Item #6.** Senior Center update, monthly report and program director’s report.

No Report

**Item #7.** Discussion/possible action on Building Official’s position. There was a discussion on how to proceed with this position, but the BOS weren’t exactly sure of their previous discussions. B. Ballinger will research previous records to review for the next meeting.

**MOTION #2:** C. Zorn made a motion to table until August 18 action on the Building Official’s position in order to review previous records and to have B. Ballinger discuss the proposed changes with the Building Official. C. McCue seconded the motion. Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item #8.** Final Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes per individual). B. Ballinger stated the same rules apply as for Item #2.

Raymond Barber, 25 Goshen Road, Bozrah, commented on vendors and Brightfields Solar Farm.

The following people made comments pertaining to the Farmers Market/Maples Farm Park Commission:

Carl Zorn, 3 Fawn Place, Bozrah
Catherine McCue, 143 Bozrah Street, Bozrah
Lara Stauning, 41 Brush Hill Road, Bozrah
Henry Granger, 141 Caroline Road, Bozrah
Item #9. Such other business as then board may vote to hear.

MOTION #3: C. McCue made a motion to add to the agenda discussion on the reappointment of Maples Farm Park Commission members under such other business. C. Zorn seconded the motion.
MOTION CARRIED

There was a discussion about the early reappointment of three members to the Maples Farm Park Commission five months in advance of the expiration of their current terms on December 15, 2015. The BOS all agree that the three Commission members in question have all done a great job and that the Farmers Market is very successful because of all their hard work. C. McCue stated that it is very important to have the three Commission members reappointed now in order to provide for continuity of the Farmers Market in planning future events, confirming vendors by October for the 2016 season, and submitting a grant by November. She would like Town Attorney to review the Maples Farm Park Commission Ordinance. B. Ballinger is concerned about the correct procedure to reappoint people to any board or commission and that the Town Ordinance dictates the guidelines for reappointment.

There was also a discussion about the use of Maples Farm Park by the public and the Open Space restrictions for use by the Recreation Commission for sports. Vendor rules need to be researched and discussed. Also, it was mentioned that the Bozrah Historical Society doesn’t have access to the historic Maples Farm Homestead.

MOTION #4: C. Zorn made a motion to have the Town Attorney review the Maples Farm Park Commission Ordinance and to table this matter until the August 18 meeting. C. McCue seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous -- MOTION CARRIED

MOTION #5: C. Zorn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41p.m. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous -- MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

Bev Onsager

Recording Secretary
Bozrah Senior Citizens Steering Committee Progress Report 07/21/15
30 letters supporting Farmers Market/Maples Farm Park Commission
public statements supporting Farmers Market/Maples Farm Park Commission

BOS Report 6/16/15

Financial
Commercial has been paid

Homestead
A commercial park picnic table received and assembled by volunteers.

Homestead & Park needs
Volunteer Bruce Neild scraped, primed, filled and painted Homestead porch. Cost $27 paint paid for by MFP Commission. Bruce advises porch wood boards will need to be replaced or plastic decking installed within the next two years.

Volunteer Dave Tessmer and Joe Angelico are building board walks to go over the swale on both sides of the park to encourage pedestrians to cross on the boardwalks, instead of walking in the main intersection of the driveway from the back parking lots. One boardwalk installed.

Front Parking lot will need chip stone

EVENTS
Private event tentatively scheduled for July 26th
Farmers Market Fridays, July 3rd-October 9th
Fire Department multi town drill on trails in late July-waiting for confirmation date.
A Farmers Market volunteer meet and greet will be held June 29th
Correspondence

Emails and letters to BOS

See attached 30 documents, one petition

Financial

TV Commercial and Direct mail has been paid

Homestead & Park needs

Cow Path has grown in and needs to be mowed or weed whacked on both sides of stonewall

Swale across from the Alpaca Store has grown in will slow water flow. Needs to be weed whacked and wood chips placed on swale to keep weeds down

Brush in front of stone wall on cornfield side has grown up

Request was made of Chad, Director of Operations to order: well filters, dog waste bags and paper towels. Emails were unanswered

Boardwalks installed by volunteers

EVENTS

Farmers Market Fridays, July 3rd - October 9th

Fire Department multi town drill on trails July 27th, trails closed to the public.

A successful Farmers Market volunteer meet and greet was held June 29th September 19th Fall Vintage Fair
To: Board of Selectmen

From: Bozrah Senior Citizen’s Steering Committee

Re: Progress report

21 July 2015

The Bozrah Senior Citizen’s Steering Committee accepted the resignation of Gloria Outwater and appointed John Onsager to replace her as a member of the committee and as a signatory on the bank account.

There was an EIN number on the account.

The committee members met last week and had a wide-ranging discussion about the needs of Bozrah senior citizens and how these needs might be met. At this time we are reviewing our options.

We welcome your input and will keep you apprised of our progress.
Don Kniss 143 Bozrah St.

I have been a resident for 16 years and for more than 12 of the 16 I served as Recording Secretary for all the boards and commissions with the exception of the Board of Education. I also serve on the PZC. Those of you that know me know the countless of hours of labor I personally have put in on the Maples Farm Park Grounds. With that said I believe I am as an informed a citizen as you can be on this issue and many others in Bozrah.

"I never imagined that I would have to fight so hard for the privilege of volunteering." is a quote from one of our younger commissioners that I have made my mantra over the last few months as I see this disservice by a political faction led by the First Selectman send a message that civic pride, volunteerism and success are not welcome in Bozrah.

The current leadership of the Maples Farm Park Commission should be being embraced by Town leaders instead the commissioners and all of us serving under them are being rebuked and held in contempt.

Over eight years of development of the Park, Homestead and Farmers Market began with feasibility studies and passed through various municipal boards for permit in an open and transparent forum. All the policies, procedures and forms have been approved by the Town attorney.

The commissioners under the leadership of Selectman McCue has brought in 100's of thousands of dollars of grants to develop the infrastructure of the park, restoration of the homestead, and formation of a Farmers Market whose policies have become a benchmark of the Dept. of Agriculture. The town's Plan of Development references the Park and the Market which promotes interest in the Town as a place to live and bring business. Local campgrounds advertise the park, market and trails in their literature as a draw. Uncas Health District and Ct. Grown standards are held to a caliber that are respected by both agencies.

Uninformed and informed factions have used the word "Fiefdom" on several occasion only because they hold no regard for policies and procedures that have been put in place to protect liability to the town and ensure utilization of the
property to a diverse demographic. Instead of asking "How can we help." they are asking "What can we gain?"

Ct. Agricultural values are one of the reasons that I have continued to volunteer for over seven years and this is being dismissed due to ugly small town politics and a vendetta by the current First Selectman. People's livelihoods are being dismissed by these political factions and many of these livelihoods are Bozrah residents.

Allowing to have the Maples Farm Park commissioners appointment dates changed from December to September would be a positive move by the Board of Selectman for taxpayers, local business, market vendors and local agriculture.

I offer this statement in written form to become part of the permanent record along with this petition and __________ signatures requesting the BOS to move the December appointments to September in order to allow the commissioners time to plan and procure funding for future events at Maples Farm Park.

Respectfully,

Don Kniss
Board of Selectman, town of Bozrah

My name is Cynthia Dunne, 604 School Street, Putnam, CT. I am a vendor at the Bozrah Farmer’s Market, starting with the market in their 1st year and encouraging many of our vendors friends to join this market. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak at your open forum during Public Comments. It is my understanding that the reappointments to the Maples Farm Commission be made before September 1st to ensure a smooth transition from year to year. Before the close of the 2015 Market Season vendors need to have information concerning the Holiday Market and have the security of knowing there will be a 2016 market.

The frontrunners of the market, Kitty McCue, Deb Stake, Market Master and Amanda Fargo Johnson, our Social Media person, yearly put the market together so vendors can move into their vending season and space with ease. It is necessary to be reappointed by Sept 1st so they can begin the planning phase of the Holiday Market and 2016 Market Season.

As the leaders of your community I am sure you are all aware that your market presents an economic golden opportunity for the Town of Bozrah, every Friday night bringing people to your town and supporting other businesses in town. And passing on to their acquaintance the welcome feeling they have when they come to Bozrah. This market is an award winning market in the State of Connecticut and the credit for this award goes to the market planners. Being an award winning market, with all the competition, is not easy to accomplish. But yet your market leaders and vendors did accomplish this. They also planned a balanced market, seeing to it that the customers have a variety of Connecticut grown and produced products to choose from.

In addition any delay in the 2016 planning phase is hurtful to the devoted farmers and specialty vendors who attend weekly. We are devoted to this market, experience a pleasant environment and have fostered many great relationships with each other. We plan our market circuit early in the year and we want to continue our presence in Bozrah. Bozrah Market is a significant part of our income. We depend on this market.

I guess the saying “if it isn’t broke, don’t fix it” applies to the leadership of our market. Do what is best for your Town, the vendors and more important for the public who shop in your community, reappoint the members to the Maples Farm Commission before Sept 1st.

Thank you
Farmers Market

Henry Rianhard <hrianhard@gmail.com>  
To: "maplesfarmpark@gmail.com" <maplesfarmpark@gmail.com>  
Sat, Jul 4, 2015 at 4:37 PM

As a resident of Bozrah for the last 41 years there are a number of things I have come to appreciate about our town, not the least of which is how volunteers and elected officials often work together to improve the quality of life for town residents. Maples Farm is one of the best examples of this I have seen in the time I've lived here.

Keith Robbins had the foresight to recommend purchasing the property. Once the purchase was approved the Board of Selectmen worked with community members to develop a vision for the property. Together they researched and obtained state funding to supplement town funds for the project. Through the hard work of elected officials and many dedicated volunteers, today we enjoy the realization of that vision.

We have a beautifully restored farmhouse that is available to host community events and also can be rented by townpeople for private affairs. There is a scenic hiking trail built with open spaces money that climbs the hillside at the rear of the property. In the summer we enjoy what I consider to be the crowning accomplishment of this effort, the widely acclaimed Bozrah Farmers Market.

The market not only provides a favorite meeting place for local residents to visit but also shows visitors to our town why we choose to live here, it's a small friendly town that knows how to do thing right.

I sincerely hope that the Board of Selectmen will recognize the dedicated service of the current Farmers Market Committee by reappointing them to the Maples Farm Park Commission so that our market (and the Town of Bozrah) can continue to grow and prosper.

Henry Rianhard  
124 Scott Hill Rd  
Bozrah, CT

Sent from my iPad
To: Bozrah Board of Selectmen  
(For inclusion in the minutes of the next BOS meeting on either 7/21 or 8/18)  

From: Carol Watson, 333 Bozrah St, Bozrah CT  

Subject: In Favor of Reappointment of Volunteers of the Farmers Market Committee to the Maples Farm Commission  

It's my understanding that the current volunteers who are also the ones who have been making positive things happen in regards to the Bozrah Market, are not being reappointed to the Maples Farm Commission. I also understand that not reappointing them has the potential for the market to cease to exist.  

I urge you to reappoint them. They have worked hard to bring and grow a hugely successful event and some auxiliary events to what has become the jewel of Bozrah, Maples Farm Park. They don't get paid for all the work they do so I don't understand why they would not be reappointed if willing to do all the work involved.  

Having once volunteered at a non-profit farm for retired horses for almost five years, I know that it is usually the backbone and hard work of a mere handful that gets things done. Finding people who are as dedicated and passionate to such an endeavor is not easy. The Bozrah Farmers Market is no exception.  

There are a plethora of people who have become reliant on The Market to support their livelihood, it gives the townspeople and those from numerous surrounding towns a positive place to come and enjoy themselves, and utilizes the property of Maples Farm Park, which a majority of the town obviously felt worthwhile to embrace, restore and upgrade for the enjoyment of the entire town. Why jeopardize all of the positive things that have come out of this endeavor over the last seven or so years? What possible reason to not reappoint would be worth seeing it all disappear?  

So, please, I ask that you reappoint the current volunteers of the Farmers Market Committee to the Maples Farm Commission.  

Sincerely,  

Carol A. Watson
Market
1 message

Florence Betten <f.betten@att.net>  
To: "maplesfarmpark@gmail.com" <maplesfarmpark@gmail.com>  
Fri, Jul 10, 2015 at 11:28 AM

Sent from my iPad

To be read into minutes of next Board of Selectmen Meeting.

We urge the Bozrah Selectman to reappoint the volunteers of the Farmer's Market Commission to the Maple Farm Commission prior to September 1st.
This market is a great addition to the community and those running it have done a terrific job.
Do not tamper with a good thing.
Flossie and Michael Betten
Bozrah Farmers Market 2016

This email is to urge Bozrah Selectmen to reappoint the volunteers of the Farmers Market Committee to The Maples Farm Commission.

The market is one place that one feels at home and amongst friends in the community. Where it doesn't matter if "everybody knows your name" or not because we all appreciate each other—the vendors, the volunteers and members of the community who come and support the local people of our area. It would be a terrible misfortune for our town if the market no longer existed. In a time when there is so much unrest amongst people living in the same neighborhoods, here in Bozrah the Farmers Market is one place where we can all congregate and feel like we're all close friends who truly enjoy being together.

In closing, I would again like to make a strong request that the Selectmen of Bozrah reappoint the volunteers of the Farmers Market Committee to the Maples Farm Commission to keep the Bozrah Community strong and committed to a great feature of our town.

Thank you.

David & Roni Wujtewicz
Cottage Road, Bozrah
The Maples Farm Commission

1 message

Steve Watson <steve.watson@snet.net> Fri, Jul 10, 2015 at 9:34 AM
To: maplesfarmpark@gmail.com

I strongly urge the Bozrah Selectman to appoint interested volunteers to the Maples Farm Commission. This includes specifically those willing members/volunteers of the Farmers Market Committee. It is apparent that these people are dedicated in their efforts to build and maintain what has become a premier market in the state. To exclude them or any willing volunteers seems ludicrous, especially if it would result in any way diminishing the market or bringing about its demise.

I would appreciate this email being read into the minutes of the next Board of Selectmen Meeting.

Sincerely,
Steve Watson
333 Bozrah Street
Bozrah Ct 06334

Most men lead lives of quiet desperation.
I went to the woods because I wanted to live deliberately. I wanted to live deep and to suck out all the marrow of life.
To put to wrap all that was not life and not that when I had come to die to discover that I had not lived.
~ excerpt from Henry David Thoreau's Walden
steve.watson@snet.net
This is what I love about the Bozrah Farmers Market. I love being a part of something that is so good, so wholesome, and gives families a sense of what community should be. I love seeing neighbors, friends and family laugh as they eat a little something sweet, and listen to music as children play. I love bringing home carrots that have their greens attached and are flowing out of the bag. I love buying bread for my Saturday Farmers Market Breakfast. I love that “mature couples” come to the information booth and tell us that they come on Friday nights because it’s their date night, or they are celebrating a 50th wedding anniversary, or young couples are carrying their babies out for a family evening. I love it when I’m getting my hair cut or in a store or at work and people find out that I volunteer at the market and want to know what’s happening this coming Friday, like I hold some insiders’ secrets. I love and admire the work the volunteers do, I say it to anyone that will listen to me that I am proud of the vision of the three women that I support because each and every week I see the market as a true GIFT to the town and all the people that pay us a visit because they love the market too. The market is fruitful work, it’s hard work, but it’s work worth doing because of all the good it shows everyone about what community should stand for. It supports the farmer, the baker, the family and in my opinion the Commission should know they have the support of the town to continue. We need to remember to say our Thanks for all the work they have done and are willing to continue to do. I hope they are given this opportunity to continue the job they have done, I hope this gift is accepted and appreciated for what it truly is, because it just should be.

Submitted by: Veronica Granger
Maintaining the Commitment to th Maple Farms Park, Homestead and Farmer's Market

1 message

MICHELE ARSENAULT <marsenault01@snet.net>  Sat, Jul 11, 2015 at 10:27 PM
Reply-To: MICHELE ARSENAULT <marsenault01@snet.net>
To: "maplesfarmpark@gmail.com" <maplesfarmpark@gmail.com>

To the Decision Makers

Through the years there has been a group of very dedicated, hard working Bozrah residents who put in many hours and great effort to bring Maple Farms to fruition.

Every success brought a new goal and through the years, together they have continued to dedicate themselves to creating a popular and successful asset to the Town of Bozrah.

I hope that the Maple Farms future is being protected by the Town Administrators and that personal politics are not being brought to the table by anyone involved; this issue is to important to Bozrah and should not be used to air personal differences.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parties involved and ask that you work together with the goal of the continued success of Maple Farms Park.

Respectfully
Michele Arsenault
"if something isn't broke – don't fix it". Many many volunteers have donated thousands of hours to make Bozrah's farmers market more than exceptional. It sure didn't occur by itself. Just look at the traffic jams each week. The farmers market is loved and looked forward to by so many people for various reasons. Besides being so well organized, there is entertainment, food, fresh produce, Guest vendors, theme nights, and a place to see neighbors and friends. All that hard work should be gratefully accepted and praised – not thrown away and ignored. Let's acknowledge all that hard work from committees and volunteers and keep the farmers market the way it is.
Margaret Halen
Sent from my iPhone
As a Bozrah resident, my husband and I have Love having the Farmers market. Not only is it a source for healthy choices, it helps local business, community interaction, and a sense of pride for our town. It would be Tragic to lose this... Candice and LeBaron Chambers
Farmers Market Committee

jmwwmoonbeam@aol.com <jmwwmoonbeam@aol.com>  
To: maplesfarmpark@gmail.com  
Wed, Jul 15, 2015 at 8:42 PM

Board of Selectmen

I was distressed to find that Mr. Ballenger had not yet reappointed the members of the Farmers Market Committee in that there are time sensitive deadlines that must be met so that the Farmer Market may continue to operate in 2016.

I think it would be a terrible disservice to the Town of Bozrah and the wonderful people who support and attend this truly unique and valuable treasure that has been created by the Farmers Market Committee to be lost! I am sure that the vendors who rely on the income from the market and the many visitors who come every week would be very disappointed if the market was to cease because of one person's objections.

My feeling is that Mr. Ballenger is an elected official to serve the townspeople as a whole and that it should be his duty to bend to the wishes of the townspeople in this matter. That means reappointing the Farmers Market Committee without delay so the market may continue in a smooth fashion.

I am sure that Mr. Ballenger will not suffer in any way by appointing the committee. The only ones who will be hurt are the towns people, who elected him to manage the town for them. This is a strong request from this tax payer that the Farmers Market Committee should be reappointed without delay to continue the Bozrah Farmers Market and the wonderful Town asset it has become.

After all, we all appreciate the hard work and planning that goes into this weekly event by this committee which has become a great benefit to the Town of Bozrah and put us on the map for a successful market in the state and across the nation.

Why would anyone want to spoil such a wonderful asset to the town?

Please Mr. Ballenger and the Board of Selectmen reappoint the Farmers Market Committee.

Respectfully,

Janice Wells
42 Brush Hill Rd.
Bozrah, Ct.
Farmers Market
1 message

Jeanne Caplet <jcaplet@comcast.net> To: maplesfarmpark@gmail.com

Wed, Jul 15, 2015 at 9:10 PM

I would like to thank the Bozrah Farmers Market committee members for creating and maintaining the weekly market. It is a wonderful way for the town to showcase our beauty and hospitality. The committee has worked very hard to develop this nationally recognized gem. I applaud their enthusiasm and dedication. If they wish to continue serving our town in this capacity, they should be re-appointed to a second term.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Caplet
153 Bozrah Street
Bozrah, CT
support for Farmer's Market

GEORGE JOHNSON <gjohnson37@snet.net> Thu, Jul 16, 2015 at 10:44 AM
Reply-To: GEORGE JOHNSON <gjohnson37@snet.net>
To: "maplesfarmpark@gmail.com" <maplesfarmpark@gmail.com>

I am sending a short letter in support of the Farmer's Market that you are welcome to share or use as you need. I am also attaching a letter I sent to the First Selectman following the kick-off of the Market. I am having trouble sending as an attachment so I will send the letter as a second document. Good Luck

Donna 😊
I am a Bozrah resident of nearly 41 years and I am writing to show my support for the Bozrah Farmer's Market.

Each time I visit the Market, I am impressed by the number of vendors, the diversity of special venues and number of people in attendance. I feel a sense of pride in being a resident of our town, hosting such a worthwhile event. When I enter the grounds, I am met with friendly volunteers and hard working vendors. I am surrounded by families, young and old, who are enjoying a wholesome, natural, outdoor experience. I work in Montville and my colleagues from Montville, Old Lyme, Niantic and other surrounding towns, rave about our Farmer's Market. They are willing to take the time to travel to Bozrah for our Market.

When I mentioned that there is a threat that the Market could be ending, they responded with surprise, disappointment and questioned how such a community based, well attended event could be considered unworthy of continuing.

I am sure the Market requires time and effort that is not visible to the general public but the impact it has on our town and the public in attendance is truly beneficial. Bozrah has had its share of negative publicity over the years (fly infestation, proposed quarry in the center of town) and it is a pleasure to have Bozrah recognized for something positive. I would not like to see that sacrificed for political or self-serving reasons.

Donna Johnson

(Letter send to First Selectman and asked that it appear in TWIB notes. Don't know if that will happen or if that is the appropriate forum but I'm sure he will determine that)

What a great kick off for the Bozrah Farmer's Market!

As I approached the entrance to the Maples Farm Park, my excitement grew when I saw the number of cars already parked on the grounds. I happily let traffic, backed up from the other direction, pull in before me feeling proud to be part of this town attraction. I was directed to my parking place which was at the end of a long line of cars and watched the families walking toward the entrance with small children eager to get inside. It reminded me of a country fair on opening night.

As I walked the grounds of the Park, I quickly visited the farmers I remembered from last year and found some had already sold out of my favorite (fresh beets), but suggested someone who might...
have some left. It became obvious how mutually beneficial this market was providing a resource for consumers and a stage for so many small businesses.

Socializing was everywhere with people sharing hugs and handshakes. Families sat on blankets with other families and children enjoyed the food and activities around them. After my shopping, I re-visited my path and chatted with strangers and town acquaintances. It was a perfect opening. Even Mother Nature had cooperated and provided great weather.

As I turned to leave the Park, I thought about how great it was for my town of Bozrah to be associated with such a positive and well attended event. Just then the band began to play and I thought to myself, it really couldn't get any better than this.

Donna Johnson
Bozrah
Bozrah Farmers market

1 message

Michael Krasun <mkrasun@aol.com>  Fri, Jul 17, 2016 at 5:59 PM
To: maplesfarmpark@gmail.com
Cc: mkrasun@aol.com

To whom it may concern,

I am writing with respect to the future of the Bozrah Farmers Market. Although I am not completely clear on the details of what is in discussion for possible change but my understanding is that we may lose the current organizers and management team of the Market. I have been a Bozrah resident and property owner since 1982 and can say without prejudice that this is the finest event that the town has ever had in my entire 33 years as a resident. I have had the pleasure of being somewhat active at the Market as My mother is a very popular vendor there since it's inception, and she is known as "The Hat Lady". I can also say that I have witnessed a vast variety of markets around the country as my business travels have taken me across the land and I also have an additional residence in Central California and get to experience some of those markets as well. My reason for telling you that is the organization, planning, layout, and very professional yet friendly on site team at the Market is second to none I have seen anywhere in the USA.

I am certain Your aware that the Bozrah Market is ranked as the single best market in Eastern Ct. I can tell You that the selection of vendors, the strategic placement of these vendors, the overall planning for the flow of consumers seems to have been done by a certified architectural planning and traffic consultant. Witnessing the early 7:00 a.m. on site presence of the management team on Market day is also clear evidence of their commitment to making certain all the details have been addressed and in place. The road markers are up, signs in place, all staff in identifiable attire and also very friendly in their response to any questions and concerns of vendors and guests. I do not know what, if anything, we are compensating any of them with but I'm certain it is not enough.

I also know that they are all very much interested in continuing their role and very large level of responsibility to continue the great success the Market. It has been responsible for putting Bozrah on the map and enhancement of it's very own brand. I hope that our town committees that have any influence over this matter will think well beyond any other issues or non related desires and focus on the subject on the table and as anyone can attest, "don't change or fix something if it isn't broke". I thank You for taking the time to read and absorb my comments. Be well my neighbors....Michael

140 / 144 Bozrah St.

Michael J Krasun
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I urge you to reappoint the volunteers of the Farmers Market Committee prior to September 1st. We live in Norwich and I visit the farmers market nearly every Friday in the summer. The market helps to reduce my grocery bill and helps keep my family healthy. It's one of the best things about Bozrah and it would be a catastrophe to see it disappear. Thank you.
I support the Bozrah Farmers Market, if this goes I will never vote again for selectman in Bozrah.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone
Bozrah Farmers Market
1 message

Carol Majewski <carol_majewski@ct.metrocast.net>  
To: "maplesfarmpark@gmail.com" <maplesfarmpark@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 13, 2015 at 9:27 AM

To Whom It May Concern,
Since I am not a resident of Bozrah, you can ignore my email. But I strongly urge the re-appointment of the volunteers of the Farmers Market Committee to the Maples Farm Commission. The market is outstanding for vendors, shoppers, and the sense of community one feels as you enter and explore the market.

It would be a real shame to see the market was to disappear.

Sincerely,
Carol Majewski

Sent from my iPad
Bozrah Farmers Market----a scene reminiscent of a Norman Rockwell painting of America. Babies, children, teen Agers, young adults, seniors, laughter, making new and greeting old friends. Music, picturesque, colorful displays of fresh produce, the smell of grilling meat, popcorn, pizza and so much more. The smiles. The comraderie, the sense of community. No hype, no overpriced rides, no expensive junk. To think that this has all been accomplished with a vision and hard and time consuming work by a dedicated core group of volunteers is amazing. With all of the horrific news we read everyday -to visit the market is a wholesome, uplifting, heartwarming reaffirmation of "good". Connie Moshier
Save the market
1 message

Susan Theve <stheve@snet.net>                  Fri, Jul 10, 2015 at 2:06 PM
Reply-To: Susan Theve <stheve@snet.net>
To: "maplesfarmpark@gmail.com" <maplesfarmpark@gmail.com>

Dear Board of Selectmen for the town of Bozrah;
Please re-appoint the current members so the Bozrah Farmers Market may continue. These folks have worked so hard to create and maintain one of the best Farmers Markets locally available in the greater Norwich area. People come from many other towns to buy and market products, as well as enjoy the community oriented events held at this special venue. Please allow those dedicated people to continue their fine work for so many folks to enjoy.

Thank you for your time & consideration;

Susan Theve
support for the current farmers market team

1 message

Douglas Crane <docrane54@gmail.com> Fri, Jul 10, 2015 at 11:22 AM
To: Maples Farm Park Bozrah Farmers Market <maplesfarmpark@gmail.com>

To the Bozrah Board of Selectman,

I'd like to go on record as an avid supporter of the Bozrah Farmers Market Committee. I've been selling my hot sauce at the market for the last five years and have seen it grow into a vibrant, lucrative market that acts as a model for other towns. The dedication of the current committee shows in the noteworthy popularity of the market, my figures record increasing attendance and sales each year. Why put this in jeopardy?

Thank you, Doug Crane
To the Bozrah Selectman,

The award-winning Bozrah Farmers Market is a shining example of success in south eastern CT. The volunteers who run the market are amazing people; the time, love and energy they put into the market has made it a wonderful place to be. The market is an asset to the town, to the vendors and to the shoppers.

In a few short years, the volunteers of BFM have shaped and grown the market into something that is nothing short of wonderful. The atmosphere is fantastic and the vendors are top-notch. It is part of people’s livelihoods. It’s a place to find fresh food and interesting items. It’s like a little family reunion each Friday. It’s the perfect place to wind down after a week at work.

If I could, I would write this last sentence in 1000 point font:

I, as a vendor and shopper at the market, urge you to reappoint the volunteers of the Bozrah Farmers Market Committee to The Maples Farm Commission before the deadline of September 1, 2015. This thriving market, and the many people it serves, deserves your support. Let this success story continue on.

Pam,
Kettlepot Soap
www.kettlepotsoap.com
Made-from-scratch products for skin care
Great soap - Great skin - Great day!
As a representative of two local farms and a community member, I urge you to reappoint the members of the Farmers Market Committee to the Maples Farm Commission. This is a vibrant new market and we want to see it continue in the way it was started.

Regards,

Maureen Connaughton
Bookkeeping, Beltane Farm
accounts@beltanefarm.com
Ph: 860-326-6043
Fax: 860-881-2674
Bozrah Farmers Market

darren Cugno <rims421@hotmail.com>  
To: "maplesfarmpark@gmail.com" <maplesfarmpark@gmail.com>  
Cc: Deb Stake <bczrah.d.stake1@snet.net>  

Sat, Jul 11, 2015 at 1:02 PM

I would like to offer our support for the staff that organize the Bozrah Farmers Market. They are doing a great job in promoting and running the market. We have seen the market continue to grow under their leadership.

Please ensure that the market continues to thrive by reappointing the current staff.

This market is an asset to the community and the surrounding area. It would be a shame if it were to cease to exist due to the failure of the board to act on this matter in a timely fashion.

Darren Cugno  
Cugno's Farm  
Colchester CT
Bozrah
1 message

kathie <kathie@superseedz.com>
To: maplesfarmpark@gmail.com

Fri, Jul 10, 2015 at 12:29 PM

Save the market, it is such a good one. K

Kathie Pelliccio
Seed Queen

SuperSeedz
p: 203-407-0548
f: 203-281-3407
e: Kathie@SuperSeedz.com
Farmers Market
1 message

JOHN W <jchamberlain630@comcast.net> Fri, Jul 10, 2015 at 2:04 PM
To: maplesfarmpark@gmail.com

To be read at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.
The Bozrah Farmers Market, at Maples Farm Park is one of the better things to have happened in this area for quite a while. It not only serves Bozrah but, those of us in Franklin who take the drive SPECIFICALLY to go to the market.
The Farmers Market Committee has done a SUPERLATIVE job in organizing the market and attracting vendors of such diversity that the market appeals to all.
This is very good use of the Maples Farm Park and it should continue to be.
I implore the Bozrah Board of Selectmen to reappoint the volunteers who have made this happen and to find a way to make this a permanent part of life in Bozrah. Let the volunteers focus on making each market a success instead of worrying that there will be no future town support.
John & Karen Chamberlain
46 Meeting House Hill Road
Franklin, CT
Bozrah Farmers market.
1 message

Ronald Dumaine <rondonna65@sbcglobal.net>  
Reply-To: Ronald Dumaine <rondonna65@sbcglobal.net>  
To: "maplesfarmpark@gmail.com" <maplesfarmpark@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 15, 2015 at 7:06 AM

Please, don't let this event slip away...It is a great venue for your town to show a quality evening...This event is something that hundreds of people look forward to and attend...The Car show only enhances the evening....Let's not destroy another old time tradition. Lord knows we have to few of them left.....Ron Dumaine............. Amston
Appointing the Farmers Market Committee to the Maples Farm Commission

Stu Cosby <stucosby@gmail.com>  
To: maplesfarmpark@gmail.com  
Sat, Jul 4, 2015 at 7:11 PM

As a resident of Norwich, we value the Bozrah Farmers Market and trust that you will make the appropriate decisions in a timely fashion to keep this valuable resource going.

Running a Farmers Market requires a lot of planning to execute with many critical events occurring long before the public ever pulls into the parking lot.

Please do your parts to keep this south east CT resource available to the community!

Stu Cosby  
860.886.3828  
13 Dukinfield Dr  
Norwich CT 06360  
Stucosby@gmail.com
email to Bozrah Selectmen
1 message

Edith Savage <edith.savage1@gmail.com>    Thu, Jul 9, 2015 at 9:50 PM
To: maplesfarmpark@gmail.com

Honorable Selectmen,

I write as a shopper at the Bozrah Farmers’ Market to ask you to please keep this market going by reappointing the volunteers of the Farmers’ Market Committee to the Maples Farm Commission before September 1, 2015. The Bozrah Farmers’ Market provides a beautiful setting in which to sample and purchase food and products that are wholesome, delicious, skillfully and artisanally made, and are aesthetically pleasing. My husband and I make the trip from our West Hartford home several times a summer to partake of the beauty of the place and the sales items and we have also visited and purchased products at other stores in Bozrah on our trips to the Farmers’ Market. So, we have grown fond of your town and recommended to others that they visit - and they have done so; all because of the Farmers’ Market, which was recommended to us by friends from Niantic. Keep it going. It is a gem!!

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Edith Savage
West Hartford, CT 06117
Support Bozrah Farmers Market
1 message

ell36@comcast.net <ell36@comcast.net> Fri, Jul 10, 2015 at 7:16 AM
To: maplesfarmpark@gmail.com
Cc: bozrahfm@aol.com

Please don't mess with the future of the Bozrah Farmers Market. Its reputation puts the town "on the map". It stands out as a welcoming and fun venue in addition to the farm fresh veggies and other foods and handmade items. It's a gathering place; entertaining and resourceful.

It's also a way for farmers and the public from nearby towns to connect, becoming a conduit for off-season transactions that support local farmers and satisfy the need for people to know that their food is safe and healthy.

It's your responsibility to assure this larger community that their Farmers' Market is guaranteed to thrive without political interference. Do the right thing for Bozrah and the community, and reappoint the Farmers Market Committee to the Maples Farm Commission.

Thank you.

Erna Luering, member
Pine Ridge Condominium Association, Inc.
Norwich, CT 06360

[.attachment]
Bozrah Farmers Market

1 message

bouch1234 <bouch1234@yahoo.com>  
Reply-To: bouch1234 <bouch1234@yahoo.com>  
To: "Maplesfarmpark@gmail.com" <Maplesfarmpark@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 20, 2015 at 3:40 PM

I would like to support the idea of retaining members of the Farmers Market on the Commission. The Farmers Market has become a weekly ritual for me and my family. We have bought all our summer vegetables there each summer and look forward to our Friday night outing. It would be a shame to see such a beautiful market go by the way side.

Lisa Bouchard
Bozrah Farmers Market
1 message

Ted & Carolyn <sadiegrey@snet.net>  
To: maplesfarmpark@gmail.com

Tue, Jul 21, 2015 at 4:03 PM

Bozrah Farmers Market is the best one around, it would be a shame to let it go. We live in Colchester and go to the Bozrah Market. We find items there that we can't find at other markets. It is a wonderful event and we would feel a loss if it was not there any more.

Ted & Carolyn Grey
First Selectman Bill Ballinger called a Regular Meeting of the Bozrah Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at the Town Hall on August 18, 2015 at 7:02 p.m.

**Members Present:** First Selectman Bill Ballinger, Selectwoman Catherine McCue and Selectman Carl Zorn.

**Members Absent:** None.

Others Present: Fourteen members of the public.

**Item #1.** Review and approve the minutes of the July 21, 2015 regular meeting.

**MOTION #1:** C. Zorn made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2015 regular meeting. C. McCue seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item #2.** Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes per individual)

The following list of people made comments pertaining to the Farmers Market/Maples Farm Park Commission:

Amanda Baker, 26 Rosemarie Lane, Bozrah. Comments attached.
Pam Ball, 674 Shewville Road, Ledyard. Comments attached.
Don Kniss, 143 Bozrah Street, Bozrah. Comments attached.
Raymond Barber, 25 Goshen Road, Bozrah
Catherine McCue, 143 Bozrah Street, Bozrah
Bill Ballinger, 225 Lake Road, Bozrah
Amanda Fargo Johnson, 138 South Road, Bozrah

**Item #3.** Receive correspondence.

C. McCue commented that she included in the Maples Farm Park report four letters in support of the Farmers Market/Maples Farm Park Commission. Bill Ballinger stated that he did not receive from C. McCue correspondence he requested which was to include a list of all authorized users of Maples Farm Park. Instead, C. McCue included it as part of the Maples Farm Park report. B. Ballinger requested that this detail be so noted in the minutes.
**Item #4.** Selectman’s update.

a) Transfer Station Update (Conversion to Single Stream Recycling). The Transfer Station is functioning very well with the new changes for single stream recycling that have been in effect for about one week. With the change to Willimantic Waste, the Town should save about $20,000 this year. A new large sign is on order for the Transfer Site.

b) Status of Brightfields Solar Farm. B. Ballinger stated this item would be discussed later in the meeting under Item #11.

c) Chip sealing South Road will probably start the week of August 24. C. Zorn has received complaints about needed road work including some potholes on Hough Road. B. Ballinger asked C. Zorn to provide a list detailing this needed work.

**Item #5.** Maples Farm Park/Farmers Market update and monthly report.

C. McCue reviewed the Maples Farm Park/Farmers Market monthly report which is attached to these minutes. She received four letters supporting Maples Farm Park/Farmers Market, addressed the Fire Department’s collaborative relationship with Maples Farm Park, and rumors regarding money issues. Lara Stauning presented a lengthy detail of the history of Maples Farm Park from its inception in 2008 to the present time as well as mentioning concerns and complaints. She requested that all supporting documents be included in the record and available to the public for review.

**Item #6.** Maples Farm Park Commission Response.

K. McCue stated that all the documentation was handed out at the Maples Farm Park Commission meetings. She hopes these forms will be a part of the BOS record and that people will come to the Maples Farm Park Commission meetings. Chad Renshaw is responsible for letting people into Maples Farm Park for Commission approved events. The Commission has purchased keys that cannot be copied. Private renters pay a key deposit and deposits are refunded for returned keys. C. McCue feels no other group in Town has been under as much scrutiny. She also stated that all the policies and forms were reviewed by the Town Attorney to prevent Town liability. B. Ballinger remarked that the Farmers Market or the restoration work has never been the issue. The early reappointment has been the problem as there is enough concern in Town regarding the over regulation of The Homestead. Christine Baker felt discouraged about using The Homestead for the Seniors after B. Ballinger relayed C. McCue’s comments. B. Ballinger stated that the Commission has a public relations problem at this time. There are so many enough rules, regulations, and hostile attitudes for applying to use the facility. C. Zorn remarked that the Commission addressed his concerns, but it does show that people were not completely informed of the methods to use Maples Farm Park or The Homestead.
Item #7. Review of ordinance that created the Maples Farm Park Commission (tabled from last month).

B. Ballinger received a letter from Town Attorney Jeffrey Londregan stating his opinion that the Maples Farm Park Commission members should not be reappointed months in advance of the expiration date of their current terms. Attorney Londregan also expressed his opinion that organized sports are permitted on open space areas of the Maples Farm Park parcel as long as they do not infringe upon the hiking trails land. It is also the opinion of Attorney Londregan that the Farmers Market vendors are not required to obtain a Peddler’s License.

Item #8. Senior Center update, monthly report and program director’s report.

C. McCue commented about the low number of meals served to the seniors on Fridays and the $60,000 cost for the recent improvements to the Senior Center. B. Ballinger stated that the building is also used by various groups for their meetings.

Item #9. Possible action on Building Official’s position (tabled from last month).

B. Ballinger reported that Building Official Tom Weber is not available to increase his work hours due to his other positions and therefore, it will be necessary for the BOS to fill that position. The current budget has funding for an increase in the hours of the building official.

**MOTION #2**: C. Zorn made a motion to table changes in the Building Official’s position with further discussion next month. C. McCue seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous – MOTION CARRIED

Item #10. Discussion/possible action on termination of the Stockhouse Road waste water consulting contract with Woodard & Curran.

Due to the very expensive cost of the project to the taxpayers, The Town will not go forward with plans to develop the municipal waste water project.

**MOTION #3**: C. Zorn made a motion to close out within the next month the waste water consulting contract with Woodard & Curran. C. McCue seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous – MOTION CARRIED

Item #11. Discussion/possible action on Renova Partners, LLC, Brightfields Development LLC’s 20 year “straight line average” real and personal property tax proposal for the solar farm on Brush Hill Road (if approved by the BOS and BOF this will also need final approval at a town meeting).

**MOTION #4**: C. Zorn made a motion to recommend to the BOF that we accept the proposed 20 year “straight line average” real and personal property tax and to request that the BOF review this proposal for the Solar Farm on Brush Hill Road. C. McCue seconded the decision.
Vote unanimous – MOTION CARRIED
**Item #12.** Final Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes per individual).

The following list of people made comments pertaining to the Farmers Market/Maples Farm Park Commission:

Glenn Pianka, 185 Fitchville Road, Bozrah  
K. McCue, 143 Bozrah Street, Bozrah  
Raymond Barber, 25 Goshen Road, Bozrah  
Pam Ball, 674 Shewville Road, Ledyard  
Lara Stauning, 41 Brush Hill Road, Bozrah  
Bill Ballinger, 225 Lake Road, Bozrah

**Item #13.** Such other business as the board may vote to hear.

**MOTION #5:** C. McCue made a motion to add the Bozrah Town Hall Facebook page to such other business. C. Zorn seconded the motion.  
Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

C. McCue stated that the Bozrah Town Hall Facebook page is currently set up as personal Facebook page and should be removed. Kit Sullivan is promoting his candidacy and that the State Election Commission would have a problem with this issue. Also, negative comments are being posted about issues in town. A revised Bozrah Town Hall Facebook page should be developed as a Facebook business page with administrative settings.

C. Zorn inquired about installing city water for the businesses on Route 82. B. Ballinger has had some discussions the Water Board.

**MOTION #6:** C. Zorn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51p.m. C. McCue seconded the motion.  
Vote unanimous -- **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

Bev Onsager  
Recording Secretary

Attachments:  
Maples Farm Park Report 08/18/15  
Maples Farm Report by Lara Stauning  
Record of Maples Farm Event Applications  
Three (3) letters from Town Attorney Jeffrey Londregan  
Public statements supporting the Farmers Market/Maples Farm Park Commission  
B. Ballinger’s response to the Recreation Commission  
Public statement on use of Maples Farm Park “Homestead”  
Comments on Bozrah Town Hall Facebook Page  
Maples Farm Park Development Committee – Exibits A - X available at the Town Hall
Maples Farm Park
BOS Report 8/18/15

Correspondence

Emails and letters to BOS
See attached for the record - 4 documents letters of support for the Commission
See attached for the record-Money Myths of Maples Farm Park
See attached for the record-response to accusation related to Fire Dept.
Reponses to accusations regarding the Commission - Lara Stauning

Homestead & Park needs
Paint has begun to peel on back of Homestead
Cow Path was taken care of by DPW and looks good
Brush in front of stone wall on cornfield side has grown up
Request was made of Chad, Director of Operations to order: well filters.
Thank-you, dog waste bags and 12 rolls of paper towels were stored at the Homestead.

EVENTS
Farmers Market Fridays, July 3rd- October 9th
Ag Commission Meeting August 25th
Ag Commission Event-Locavore Pot Luck Sept 12th
September 19th Fall Vintage Fair
TOWN OF BOZRAH
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BOZRAH TOWN HALL
September 15, 2015

First Selectman Bill Ballinger called a Regular Meeting of the Bozrah Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at the Town Hall on September 15, 2015 at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: First Selectman Bill Ballinger, Selectwoman Catherine McCue and Selectman Carl Zorn.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Two members of the public.

Item #1. Review and approve the minutes of the August 18, 2015 regular meeting.

B. Ballinger noted on page 4 the following Attachments should have been identified as Exhibits and are stored in the Town Hall vault:

- Maples Farm Report by Lara Stauning
- Record of Maples Farm Event Applications
- Three (3) letters from Town Attorney Jeffrey Londregan
- Public statements supporting the Farmers Market/Maples Farm Park Commission
- B. Ballinger’s response to the Recreation Commission
- Public statement on use of Maples Farm Park “Homestead”
- Comments on Bozrah Town Hall Facebook Page
- Maples Farm Park Development Committee – Attachments A – X

For the August 18 meeting, C. McCue noted that for Item #6, Chad Renshaw is responsible for letting people into The Homestead at Maples Farm Park.

Since Christine Baker was not present at the August meeting, the following sentence was deleted from Item #6: “Christine Baker felt discouraged about using The Homestead for the Seniors after B. Ballinger relayed C. McCue’s comments”.

For Item #8, there was no program director’s report given, but C. McCue commented that the $60,000 cost for the improvements to the Senior Center should reflect $45,000 for building repairs and $15,000 for the plumbing and air conditioning improvements. Also, she noted that eight people on average are served meals at the Senior Center on Fridays.

MOTION #1: C. Zorn made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2015 regular meeting as amended. C. McCue seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous – MOTION CARRIED
Item #2. Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes per individual).

None.

Item #3. Receive correspondence.

None.

Item #4. Selectman’s update.

a) Update on closing out consulting contract with Woodward & Curran. Still waiting for Woodard & Curran to provide a final figure on closing out the proposed municipal waste water lines project contract and B. Ballinger will inform the BOS as soon as he receives that information.

b) Status of Brightfields Solar City solar farm PILOT proposal. The contract for this solar farm is being reviewed by our Town Attorney. The Solar Farm is getting a deferred tax bill for the first 4 to 6 years. B. Ballinger is concerned that if the Solar Farm goes out of business right after or during that time or reduces capacity, the solar farm won’t honor the deferred tax payments.

c) Work has begun at the Solar Farm site on Brush Hill Road. The Siting Council has given approval to proceed with this project. Work has begun with trees being taken down along the property. Steve Coit is doing the prep work and is taking out the stumps. Some work is being done to redirect culverts for better drainage on Brush Hill Road. There will be road damage (and some predates the Solar Farm project prep work) from removing the stumps and tree roots and the road will have to be repaved from Stauning’s property to the Franklin town line.

d) South Road has been chipped sealed. The cost of this project is $73,000 and the road work should last for five years. It is important to properly maintain the roads before the surface deteriorates in order to avoid unnecessary added expenses.

Item #5. Requesting BOS approval to send notice to Colchester Emergency Communications (KX) that the town of Bozrah will not be renewing the contract that expires 30 June 2016.

Bozrah has a five year contract with KX which requires notification six months in advance of contract expiration of intent not to renew. Since fewer member towns will be using this service, the cost will be higher for the remaining towns. Montville can provide service to Bozrah, but their tower cannot service the entire town. Willimantic Switch (WW) was our service provider several years ago and they installed a tower in Franklin that serviced all of Bozrah. It takes approximately two months for a new service provider to enter addresses and do testing to make sure we are operational prior to beginning a new contract. Montville would charge about $25,000 - $26,000 yearly. WW would charge annually about $16,000 - $17,000 for a three year contract.
MOTION #2: C. Zorn made a motion to approve notification to Colchester Emergency Communications (KX) that the Town Of Bozrah will not renew the contract that expires June 30, 2016. C. McCue seconded the motion. Vote unanimous – MOTION CARRIED

Item #6. Follow up on C. Zorn’s request for information on cost to install NPU water on Rt. 82.

The water wells on Route 82 are being monitored due to alleged contamination from a dry cleaning business. The cost to provide city water to the properties on that road would be about $1,000,000. Mark Decker of Norwich Public Utilities is pursuing DEEP for funding. There is a possibility that a grant would provide 50% of the cost because the water is contaminated, but at this point we should wait to learn if the state will provide any funding.

Item #7. Maples Farm Park/Farmers Market update and monthly report.

C. McCue reviewed the Maples Farm Park monthly report which is attached to these minutes.

Item #8. Senior Center update monthly report and program director’s report.

None.

Item #9. Discussion/possible action on Building Official’s position (tabled from last month). There was a discussion on filling this position with increased work hours and salary. The consensus was to advertise and accept applications through the end of October and to try to utilize cost-free advertising for this position.

MOTION #3: C. Zorn made a motion to approve advertising in October for the new Building Official’s position. C. McCue seconded the motion. In favor: C. Zorn and C. McCue. Opposed: B. Ballinger

MOTION CARRIED

Item #10. Final Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes per individual).

None.

Item #11. Such other business as the board may vote to hear.

None.

MOTION #4: C. Zorn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. C. McCue seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous – MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted for the Board,
Bev Onsager, Recording Secretary
Attachment: Maples Farm Park Report 9/15/15
Maples Farm Park
BOS Report 9/15/15

Homestead & Park needs

Paint has begun to peel on back of Homestead

Trails will need 15-20 hours of clearing (leaves, roots, and limbs) after the fall leaves are down

Brush in front of stone wall on cornfield side has grown up

Request was made of Chad, Director of Operations to order: well filters???

Paper towels are needed

EVENTS

Farmers Market Fridays, July 3rd- October 9th

September 19th Saturday-Fall Vintage Fair

October 3rd Saturday-classical music concert inside Homestead

October 10th Saturday –outdoor musical concert

October 17th private event

October 25th Sunday- Civil War Story Telling event inside Homestead

November 21st Saturday-Holiday Market inside & outside Homestead
The Bozrah Board of Selectman will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, 17 November 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room at the Bozrah Town Hall

1. Review and approve the minutes of the 15 September 2015 regular meeting.
2. Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes per individual)
4. Final Public Comments (limit of 3 minutes per individual)
5. Such other business as the board may vote to hear

Glenn S. Pianka
1st Selectman
Bozrah
Attendance: Glenn Pianka, William Ballinger, Carl Zorn

-Approval of minutes of September 15, 2015 (Zorn/Ballinger) Unanimous

-Public Comments: Barbara McFadyan complimented on a non-negative campaign and that candidate Pianka cleaned up signs the next day after election. Question about recording secretary position raised by Raymond Barber

-Selectman’s Update: PILOT program (Renoca Partners LLC and Bright Fields Development LLC) solar panel installation on Brush Hill was discussed. Selectman Ballinger discussed concerns over section 6 of the agreement where changes were made and new acquisition adjustments and bailout issues were addressed with Town Counsel (Londregan). The first seven years of the contract were more specifically addressed.

Motion to find the current contract as acceptable and to send it to Board of Finance for review/approval and ultimately to Town Meeting (Ballinger/Zorn) Unanimous

-Accolades by First Selectman Pianka on the preparation and smooth transition by Selectman Ballinger and the spirit of cooperation of Selectman Zorn

-Discussion concerning notification of withdrawal from KX dispatch and ongoing discussion with both Montville and Willimantic dispatch
-Discussion over DEEP taking no action on water line on Rte. 82 due to insignificant “pollution” and not being a Town problem. This renders the project as out of the running for 50% assistance grant.

-Future agenda item suggested for public water connection on Rte.82 by Selectman Zorn

Final Public Comment: Ray Barber questioned the tax structure of industrial land vs. personal property. Referred to assessor’s office for further information.

Added to Agenda: Solar City Agreement

Pianka/Ballinger/Zorn unanimous agreement to forward contract/agreement to Board of Finance to be able to move same to a Town Meeting of December 14, 2015.

-Motion for adjournment (Ballinger/Zorn)-Unanimous

-Meeting Adjourned: 7:27 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Glenn S. Pianka
(Absence of recording secretary)
The Bozrah Board of Selectman will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, 15 December 2015 at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room at the Bozrah Town Hall

1. Review and approve the minutes of the 17 November 2015 regular meeting
2. Public Comments (Limit of 3 minutes per individual)
3. Selectman’s update
4. Bozrah Utilities Commission Appointments
5. Agriculture Commission Appointments
6. Maples Farm Park Commission Appointments
7. Inland Wetland Commission Appointments
8. Gardner Lake Authority-Update
9. Water Line Rte. 82
10. Audit Update
11. Bialowas Property-314 Bozrah Street
12. Bozrah Rural Cemetery
13. Sarah Zucker Property
14. Disposition of Town Property
15. Selectman Secretary-Retirement
16. Tax Assessor Assistant-Resignation
17. Senior Center Parking Lot
18. Unfinished Business
   (a) Human Resource/Personnel Manual
   (b) KX Emergency Dispatch Center
19. Final Public Comments (Limit of 3 minutes per individual)
20. Such other business as the Board may vote to hear

Glenn S. Pianka
1st Selectman
Bozrah