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The Bozrah Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission will hold its regular meeting on **Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the Bozrah Town Hall.

1. Review and approve minutes:
  - a. January 9<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting.
  - b. April 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.
2. Hear the report of the Wetlands Enforcement Officer.
3. Review correspondence pertaining to agenda items.
4. New Business:
  - a. Bozrah Pizza: Three and an Apple, LLC, 409 Salem Turnpike. Proposal to construct a building for a restaurant and offices, parking, and other site improvements.
5. Review general correspondence.
6. Such other business as the commission may vote to hear.

Scott Taylor  
Chairman

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April 4, 2019

The meeting of the Bozrah Inland Wetlands Commission was called to order by Chairman Scott Taylor at 7:03 P.M. in the meeting room of the Bozrah Town Hall.

Regular members present: Scott Taylor, Evelyn Brown, Charlene Lathrop, and, Chuck Mandel.

Regular members absent: Steve Brunetti, and Tom Main

Alternate members present: James Sipperly, and Jessica Carson

Members from the public present: Sam Alexander, SCCOG/Town Planner, Glenn Pianka, First Selectman, Tom Webber Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Paul Papathanaciou, and, Mark Reynolds from Reynolds Engineering Services, LLC

Chairman S. Taylor seated J. Sipperly and J. Carson regular members.

1. Review and approve minutes:
  - a. March 6<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting

J. Sipperly made a motion to approve the March 6<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes with corrections.

C. Mandel seconded the motion.

**VOTE – MOTION CARRIED**

S. Taylor and E. Brown both abstained

2. Hear the report of the Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

T. Webber provided the commission with his tracking spread sheet of wetlands permits to review.

C. Lathrop asked if T. Webber had any information about work taking place on Route 163.

T. Webber replied he did not but will follow up.

S. Taylor asked T. Webber to inform Optimus Senior Living the slit fence along Route 85 needs to be repaired.

C. Mandel asked if Hill and Dale had installed the screening at the Brush Hill facility.

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T. Webber wasn't sure and stated they have two more coops complete and one close to completion, with one more to start in the near future. Additional coops at this time are being built on Swartz Road.

3. Review correspondence pertaining to agenda items.

No correspondence received for agenda items.

4. New Business:

- a. Town of Bozrah: Town-wide culvert cleaning.
- b. Town of Bozrah: 27-29 River Road, drainage easement maintenance.

Item a Town-wide culvert cleaning, G. Pianka stated this permit will be for town wide culvert cleaning, removing the overgrown vegetation to open the waterway which can sometimes be in the wetlands.

J. Sipperly requested a general permit for the Public Works Department for basic cleaning be granted with a sketch of the areas given to T. Webber to put on file with the application for each event.

C. Mandel made a motion to approve application a.

J. Sipperly seconded the motion

VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

Item b. Town of Bozrah: 27-29 River Road, drainage easement maintenance

G. Pianka stated the easement maintenance will take place in 2 to 3 weeks with no impact to the pond.

C. Mandel made a motion to approve application b.

J. Sipperly seconded the motion adding hay bales will be put in place as check dams to prevent erosion.

VOTE – MOTION CARRIED

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5. General correspondence

Hull Forest Products submitted a letter of intent for a timber harvest on 300 Scott Hill Road. The letter was given to T. Webber and the commission discussed how to keep a handle on this activity.

6. Other Business.

Mark Reynolds for informational purposes discussed the purposed Bozrah Pizza new location on a two-acre parcel on Route 82 just past the gas station. Past population issues were discussed and C. Mandel asked for the calculation be included with the application documentation.

7. Such other business as the commission may vote to hear.

Reminder May 1st training at the town hall with Bruce Hyde, AICP, Land Use Academy Director.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted  
Charlene Lathrop  
Recording Secretary Town of Bozrah

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January 9, 2019

The special meeting of the Bozrah Inland Wetlands Commission was called to order by Chairman Scott Taylor at 7:05 P.M. in the meeting room of the Bozrah Town Hall.

Regular members present: Steve Brunetti, Evelyn Brown, Scott Taylor, and Robert Mercado.

Regular members absent: Tom Main, Charlene Lathrop, and Chuck Mandel.

Members from the public present: Sam Alexander, SCCOG/Town Planner, Glenn Pianka, First Selectman, Tom Webber, Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Christian Boysen, Optimus Senior Living, Bill Ballenger, Board of Selectmen, Carl Zorn, Board of Selectmen, Ray Barber, citizen.

1. Review and approve minutes:

a) Review meeting notes of December 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

E. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. S. Burnetti seconded the motion.

**VOTE – MOTION CARRIED**

2. Hear the report of the Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

T. Weber will bring a spreadsheet of on-going and recent activity to the February meeting.

3. Review correspondence pertaining to agenda items.

S. Alexander reviewed the four items before the Commission: Plans completed by Anchor Engineering for sewer, water, and gas installation on Salem Turnpike (Route 82); a Cease and Correct Order from the Norwich City Planner for work conducted in Norwich; a letter upholding the Cease and Correct Order; and a the signed Connecticut Department of Transportation permit for work on Route 82.

S. Alexander explained that work has concluded for the year and Optimus Senior Living will prepare an application for the City of Norwich wetlands agency prior to commencing work in the spring.

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4. Discuss Salem Turnpike (Route 82) utility installation.

C. Boysen (Optimus Senior Living) discussed the utility installation on Route 82 and answered questions from the Commission. C. Boysen explained that the contractor will complete an emergency gas connection to span Goldmine Brook in Norwich, and that all other work within the roadway will begin again in the spring. C. Boysen explained the he was recently made aware of the fact that no wetlands permits were sought from Bozrah and Norwich, and would like to correct the issue.

C. Boysen explained that they would like to connect two new fire hydrants, one at the entrance to the complex and one at the Bozrah-Norwich town line, near the former Rose City Cycle. C. Boysen explained that there is a wetlands area, down-grade and roughly fifty feet from the fire hydrant near the entrance to the senior living center; and there are no adjacent wetlands to the hydrant near the town line. C. Boysen added that straw bales would be put around the hydrants during installation. Due to the on-going construction of the facility, the fire hydrants affect safety.

S. Taylor stated that the Commission was not aware in December that other work needed to be done in the spring, so did not issue a Cease and Correct Order. Also, erosion and sedimentation controls were in place while work was being done in the right of way.

S. Brunetti made a motion to grant permission for Optimus Senior Living's contractor to complete work associated with the two fire hydrants, in recognition that this work needs to begin immediately for public safety reasons. Evelyn Brown seconded the motion. There was discussion.

**VOTE – MOTION CARRIED**

The Commission discussed next steps. Optimus Senior Living was instructed to submit an application for the remaining work, using the plans completed by Anchor Engineering. The Commission discussed meeting dates and decided to hold a Special meeting on Wednesday, February 6, at 7:00pm, so the meeting did not conflict with the Norwich wetlands agency. S. Taylor instructed the applicant to add notation on the plans stating that disturbed areas would be properly seeded and loamed prior to removal of erosion and sedimentation control structures.

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5. Review general correspondence.

The Connecticut Bar Association will hold an all-day Land Use Law training session at Wesleyan University on March 23.

6. Such other business as the commission may vote to hear.

S. Taylor asked that the Commission discuss three additional items at the February meeting: review expectations for dealing with conflicts of interest; discuss mechanisms for proactively enforcing regulations and identifying activities regulated by the Commission; and discuss the Commission's responsibilities and potential work related to conservation.

S. Taylor made a motion to schedule a special meeting for Wednesday, February 6, at 7:00pm to receive the expected application from Optimus Senior Living, conduct other regular business and new business, and discuss the three agenda items as previously outlined. R. Mercado seconded the motion.

**VOTE – MOTION CARRIED**

S. Taylor discussed the need to fill an alternate seat. S. Taylor introduced Jessica Carson as a candidate. J. Carson introduced herself. S. Taylor suggested that J. Carson send correspondence to the Board of Selectmen stating her interest.

S. Brunetti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. R. Mercado seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted  
Charlene Lathrop  
Recording Secretary Town of Bozrah