

TOWN OF BOZRAH
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BOZRAH TOWN HALL
September 21, 2021

Item 1: First Selectman Glenn Pianka called a Special Meeting of the Bozrah Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at the Bozrah Town Hall on September 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: First Selectman Glenn Pianka, Second Selectman Bill Ballinger and Selectman Jeremy Tarasevich

Members of the Public: 3 Members of the public.

Item 2: Public Comments

No public comments

Item 3: Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting August 17, 2021

MOTION 1: B. Ballinger made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular Board of Selectmen meeting held August 17, 2021. J. Tarasevich seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

- b. Meeting Cancellation Notice of September 14, 2021

- c. Special Meeting September 16, 2021

MOTION 2: B. Ballinger made a motion to approve the minutes from the special Board of Selectmen meeting held September 16, 2021. J. Tarasevich seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 4: Commission Appointments

Water Pollution Control Authority

James Bonanno 45 South Road 11/15/20-11/15/22

Steven Coit 161 Hough Road 11/15/20-11/15/22

MOTION 3: B. Ballinger made a motion to appoint James Bonanno to the Water Pollution Control Authority for the term 11/15/20-11/15/22. J. Tarasevich seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION 4: G. Pianka made a motion to appoint Steven Coit to the Water Pollution Control Authority for the term 11/15/20-11/15/22. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission

Jessica Carson 75 Caroline Road 01/31/21-01/31/24

MOTION 5: B. Ballinger made a motion to appoint Jessica Carson to the Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission for the term 01/31/21- 01/31/24. J. Tarasevich seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Recreation Commission

David Deshefy 47 Cedar Lane 05/31/21-05/31/24

Valarie Hendrix 20 Hickory Lane 05/31/21-05/31/24

Kris Wagner 287 Bozrah Street 05/31/21-05/31/24

MOTION 6: B. Ballinger made a motion to appoint David Deshefy to the Recreation Commission for the term 05/31/21-05/31/24. J. Tarasevich seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION 7: J. Tarasevich made a motion to appoint Valarie Hendrix to the Recreation Commission for the term 05/31/21-05/31/24. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION 8: B. Ballinger made a motion to appoint Kris Wagner to the Recreation Commission for the term 05/31/21-05/31/24. J. Tarasevich seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Planning and Zoning (Alternate)

Seymour Adelman 06/01/21-06/01/24

MOTION 9: B. Ballinger made a motion to appoint Seymour Adelman as the Planning and Zoning alternate for the term 06/01/21-06/01/24. J. Tarasevich seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 5: Letter of Intent - Glembosksi/Ous Property -OSWA Grant Application

The board received a copy of the Letter of Intent for the OSWA Grant Application. G. Pianka noted the letter was approved at the last meeting.

Item 6: Wetlands Enforcement Officer - CLA Engineers, Inc. proposal

G. Pianka clarified this position is only for the Inland Wetlands, not Planning and Zoning. G. Pianka noted they have a candidate for the position. G. Pianka explained the position is a yearly contract for \$125 an hour.

MOTION 10: B. Ballinger made a motion to proceed with the contract for the Wetlands Enforcement Officer position. J. Tarasevich seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 7: American Rescue Plan

G. Pianka noted the Board will have a special workshop with public input on how to spend the expected \$400,000 from the American Rescue Plan. B. Ballinger noted the decision will eventually go to a Town Meeting for approval and the money has to be spent by September 2022.

Item 8: Monthly Reports - Attached

- a. Fire Marshal
- b. Senior Services Coordinator
- c. State Police
- d. Food Bank

Item 9: Memorial Tree Dedication - Carl Zorn

G. Pianka noted he will formulate a plaque proposal.

Item 10: TextMyGov - Proposal review

G. Pianka explained TextMyGov is a phone application for communities to communicate road closures, power outages, down wires.. Etc. G. Pianka noted the initial year's cost is \$5,000 and the following year's cost is \$3,600. The Board of Selectmen agreed to move forward with the TextMyGov proposal.

Item 11: First Selectman Update

- a. Storm/Flooding of August 22, 2021

G. Pianka noted the town provided materials to the driveways that were flooded in the storm. G. Pianka also noted a hole in a driveway on Cedar Lane that the town is planning on looking into.

- b. Transfer Station

G. Pianka noted the transfer station repairs are going well and they are getting new signs.

- c. Extension of Insurance Coverage
 - i. Temporary Transfer Site

- ii. Site Walk of Glemboski/Ous property re OSWA Grant Application

- d. Belfor Restoration Services

G. Pianka noted Belfor Restoration Services are a hazard and disaster mitigation service that is no cost to the Town.

- e. UST Bid Opening was changed from 08/23 to 08/25 @ 10 am due to the storm.

- f. Letter Received - Wisniewski 77 Bashon Hill Road tree concerns

- g. Discussion of SCCOG Personnel Policies Update/ Interface with Bozrah necessities:
 - i. Sexual Harassment Policy
 - ii. Job Descriptions
 - iii. FMLA - Family Emergency Medical Leave Act
 - iv. Juneteenth Holiday
 - v. ZOOM policy/impact
 - vi. Employee Reimbursement for Non-Insurance coverage
 - vii. Conflict of Interest Policy
 - viii. Ethics Policy

Item 12: Short Term Rental Hearings Officer

G. Pianka noted they will add this item to the special Board of Selectmen workshop agenda.

Item 13: Public Comments

Raymond Barber, Goshen Road, commented on TextMyGov, the temporary transfer station, Belfor Restoration and SCCOG Personnel Policies update.

Ev Brown, Fitchville Road, commented on the Wetlands Enforcement Officer, the sewer project and the American Rescue Plan.

Scott Taylor commented on the Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

Item 14: Adjourn

MOTION 11: B. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. J. Tarasevich seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted for the Board,
Heather Barber

