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The Bozrah Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission will hold its regular meeting on **Thursday, December 3rd**, 2020, at 7:00 pm via Zoom video/teleconference (*instructions below*).

1. Review and approve minutes:
 - a. March 5th regular meeting.
 - b. October 4th site walk.
 - c. November 5th regular meeting.
2. Hear the report of the Wetlands Enforcement Officer.
3. Review correspondence pertaining to agenda items.
4. Avalonia Land Trust: Discussion of recent activity in “Northern Towns” area, including Bozrah.
5. Open Space Plan:
 - a. Discuss parcel evaluation criteria.
 - b. Discuss areas/corridors of interest for conservation.
6. Review general correspondence.
7. Adopt 2021 meeting schedule.
8. Such other business as the commission may vote to hear.
9. Public comment period.

Scott Taylor
Chairman

<p style="text-align:center">Zoom instructions – No password required for web. Meeting ID required for dial-in.</p> <p>URL: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85111081942 Meeting ID: 851 1108 1942 Dial in: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)</p>

Bozrah IWCC 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Bozrah Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission will hold regular meetings the First Thursday of each month as listed below at 7:00pm.

January 7, 2021

February 4, 2021

March 4, 2021

April 1, 2021

May 6, 2021

June 3, 2021

July 1, 2021

August 5, 2021

September 2, 2021

October 7, 2021

November 4, 2021

December 2, 2021

(January 6, 2022)

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October 4, 2020

The Site Walk of the Bozrah Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission was called to order at approximately 9:00 A.M. by Chairman Scott Taylor. The Site Walk began at 264 Bozrah Street (Route 163).

Regular members present: Charlene Lathrop, Scott Taylor, Chuck Mandel, Steve Brunetti.

Alternate members present: Jessica Carson

Others present: Glenn Pianka (Board of Selectmen), Earl Marek (264 Bozrah Street).

1. Roll Call:

All attendees were accounted for.

2. Proceed to/return from Mineral Spring parcel:

The group proceeded along a right-of-way, across a private parcel, to the Mineral Spring parcel, owned by the Town. Attendees located the spring.

3. Adourn:

The Site Walk was adjourned at approximately 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Samuel Alexander, AICP
Town Planner

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November 5, 2020

The meeting of the Bozrah Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission was called to order by Chairman Scott Taylor at 7:15 P.M. via Zoom teleconference/videoconference.

Regular members present: Evelyn Brown, Scott Taylor, Steve Brunetti, and Chuck Mandel, Jim Sipperly.

Members absent: Charlene Lathrop, Jessica Carson.

Others present: Glenn Pianka, Selectman, Sam Alexander, SCCOG/Town Planner, Katey DeCarli, ZEO/WEO.

1. Review and approve minutes:

a) March 5th regular meeting.

No action.

b) October 1st regular meeting.

Evelyn Brown made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Scott Taylor seconded the motion.

VOTE – 4 IN FAVOR / 1 ABSTAIN (Sipperly) – MOTION CARRIED

c) October 4 site walk.

No action.

2. Hear the report of the Wetlands Enforcement Officer:

K. DeCarli discussed items in her latest report. The Commission discussed the status of erosion and sediment controls on Salem Tpke (Route 82), related to the water and sewer extension by Optimus. No recent erosion has occurred. The Wetlands Enforcement Officer will direct the contractor to pull sediment back from the silt fence and take other measures to ensure stabilization of the soil prior to winter.

3. Review correspondence pertaining to agenda items:

There was none.

4. Open Space Plan:

a) Discuss parcel evaluation criteria.

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The Commission discussed draft criteria, developed by the Town Planner, for evaluating different parcels of land which may be presented to the town, land trusts, or other conservation partners as open space-preservation opportunities. The evaluation criteria were adapted from criteria adopted by the City of Middletown and passed along by Jim Sipperly.

The Commission discussed how the criteria may be used and how the document fits with the Open Space Plan. The criteria may be used to compare one parcel of land against another in order to prioritize acquisition. Using the criteria to create a report would also benefit grant or other applications to funding agencies.

The Commission discussed next steps, which include a discussion of open space priority areas in December, and a public meeting/listening session regarding the same in January. Other Commissions, such as the Agricultural Commission, will be invited.

- b) Recap site visit: Mineral Spring.
No discussion.

- 5. Review General Correspondence:
There was none.

- 6. Such other business as the Commission may vote to hear:
There was none.

- 7. Public comment period:
Glenn Pianka (Board of Selectmen) stated that he was pleased to hear about efforts for inter-commission/board cooperation and progress being made on the Open Space Plan. Mr. Pianka asked for more information regarding agricultural land conservation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
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MIDDLETOWN Open Space Evaluation Criteria – *provided by Jim Sipperly*

1. Easily developable – at risk
2. Agricultural land/preserve agricultural heritage
3. Contiguous with already designated open space parcel or open space corridor
4. Regions of the city with less designated open space or urban area
5. Protects class I or II watershed land
6. Suitable for recreation, fishing, forestry, conservation of wildlife or natural resources
7. Acquisition protects naturally occurring feature (trap rock ridge, etc)
8. Acquisition protects animal/plant habitat if the organism is endangered, threatened or of special concern
9. Enhances/conserves water quality of lake, river, stream, wetland
10. Multiple values – overlapping categories – i.e. recreational, preserving natural resources, developable, etc.
11. Scenic views
12. Size of parcel

Small	0-5	Acres
Med	5-10	Acres
Large	10-20	Acres
V. Large	20-40	Acres
Ex. Large	40+	Acres
13. Trails – already existing or potential to exist
14. River corridor
15. Historical/Archaeological value
16. Proximity to densely populated area

Each criterion is ranked as “High”, “Medium”, “Low” or “N/A”. Each category is then tallied and then all categories are totaled.

BOZRAH Open Space Evaluation Criteria – “first cut”, to be determined by IWCC

- Adapted from Middletown criteria

- Separated by end goal of the property

Mainly passive recreation, preservation of habitat and natural/cultural features:

Score: 0 - 3

1. At-risk of development/easily developable _____
2. Low cost of completion (trail building, remediation, invasives, etc.) _____
3. Contributes to an existing/planned corridor _____
4. Adjacent to important body of water _____
5. Protects aquifers or wetlands _____
6. Is a scenic area/area of natural significance _____
7. Contains a historic/cultural resource _____
8. Important habitat (NDDDB, core forest, etc.) _____
9. Will help preserve the character of its district _____
10. Size of parcel (1 = <5ac., 2 = 5 - 50ac., 3 = >50ac.) _____
11. Other: _____

TOTAL: /33

Farmland preservation:

Score: 0 - 3

1. At-risk of development/easily developable _____
2. Is in active use/can easily be put back into active use _____
3. Farmland soils (Prime/Statewide Important/other) _____
4. Historic/cultural significance _____
5. Will help preserve the character of its district _____
6. Intersecting considerations (water quality, habitat, scenic, etc.) _____
7. Size of parcel (1 = <5ac., 2 = 5 - 50ac., 3 = >50ac.) _____
8. Other: _____

TOTAL: /24

Active recreation:

Score: 0 - 3

1. Low cost of completion (equipment, construction, remediation, etc.) _____
2. Fills a community need _____
3. Adjacent to population, schools, etc. _____
4. Historic/cultural significance _____
5. Will help preserve the character of its district _____
6. Size of parcel (1 = <1ac., 2 = 1 - 5ac., 3 = >5ac.) _____
7. Other: _____

TOTAL: /21