

**TOWN OF BOZRAH
INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
BOZRAH TOWN HALL
1 RIVER ROAD
BOZRAH, CT 06334**

February 4, 2021

The Bozrah Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission hosted a public workshop on the proposed, in-development Open Space Plan. Town Planner, Sam Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M. The meeting was held via Zoom teleconference/videoconference.

Members present: Scott Taylor, Evelyn Brown, Charlene Lathrop.

Others present: Glenn Pianka (Board of Selectmen), Sam Alexander (SCCOG/Town Planner), Steve Seder (resident, PZC Chair), Manny Misarki (resident, PZC), Molly Lathrop (resident, Ag. Commission), Amanda Fargo-Johnson (resident, Ag. Commission).

1. What is the purpose of the Open Space Plan?

Sam Alexander began a PowerPoint, reviewing the purpose of the Open Space Plan, which is to define land conservation priorities of the Commission and provide the Town of Bozrah a recommended path forward for advancing open space goals.

2. What are the components of the Open Space Plan?

The Open Space plan will take account of Bozrah's natural resources and propose priorities for land conservation, as well as propose actions for the Commission to undertake to advance the plan.

3. Discussion regarding open space/conservation priorities:

Attendants had the opportunity to discuss open space/conservation priorities, after reviewing results of a citizen survey, which is still available online. The following items were discussed.

a. Desired qualities for open space properties

- Add prime and important farmland soils as a conservation priority.

b. Areas/corridors of interest

- Areas connected to Maples Farm Park.
- Are there unofficial, but used, trails in town?

c. Additional thoughts

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- A need exists to sell excess town property with little ecological benefit, acquired through past subdivisions.
- Ensure property cannot be part of an open space corridor before selling.
- Planning & Zoning should review and reconsider the fee-in-lieu of open space requirement; there could be room to increase the fee.
- Potential for trails on excess town property near Bozrah Rural Cemetery.
- Trails are heavily used due to COVID-19.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Samuel Alexander, AICP
Town Planner