

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

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
Samuel Alexander, AICP
Town Planner