The Bozrah Board of Selectmen held a REGULAR MEETING on Tuesday December 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Meeting Room of the Bozrah Town Hall at 1 River Road, Bozrah, Connecticut.

MINUTES

1) Call to order/attendance: Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by FS Zorn. Bill Ballinger and Carl Zorn in attendance, members of the public, Raymond Barber and Eve Brown

2) Public comment(s): noted that the agenda included a statement that said the agenda was revised on 11/18/19-FS Zorn indicated it was a cut and paste error

3) Approve minutes of BOS Regular Meeting of November 19, 2019: Ballinger/Zorn-discussion about the transition list provided by former FS Pianka-correction to the wording for description of the funding for the remaining projects for the town.

4) Approve minutes of BOS Special Meeting of December 11, 2019: Ballinger/Zorn-Unanimous-- a correction to Ray Barbers name on the Unanimous

5) Monthly Reports-Senior Services Coordinator/Municipal Agent November, 2019
Report is attached, discussion about the bathroom renovation planned was discussed. Sale of the warmer was discussed

6) Monthly Reports-Fire Marshal November, 2019: See attached, discussion about the EMD drill conducted in Colchester was discussed-the water line at Hillendale was also discussed.

7) State Police Monthly Report: Troop “K” Commanding Officer Lt. Mark Petrucci did not provide a report this month

8) Town meeting for the firefighter tax abatement ordinance: To call a Special Town Meeting to enact a town ordinance providing for tax abatements for active and retired members of the Bozrah volunteer fire company, emergency medical responders and advanced fire police officers.

Discussion about the ordinance occurred, the town attorney had already seen the ordinance and provided a corrected markup which is attached.

Bill Ballinger motioned that the town meeting date should be set on January 7th at 7PM at the Fields memorial school. Zorn seconded and all approved.

9) First Selectman transition-FS Zorn provided an update for the transition and provided a status of the follow up items that former FS Pianka had provided. A to do list has been developed that includes those items and provided to the DPW. The list will be included with the minutes.
Discussion about the items included on the list to remediate the items listed on the state bridge inspections. Bill Ballinger suggested that we contact the state inspecting engineer to clarify any questions.

Ballinger commented that the BOF meeting went well.

10) **Such other business that the board sees fit:**

11) **Public Comment(s):** Ray Barber thanked us for scheduling the town meeting for the fire ordinance.

12) **Adjourn:** 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl L. Zorn
First Selectman
The Bozrah Board of Selectmen will hold a REGULAR MEETING on Tuesday December 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Meeting Room of the Bozrah Town Hall at 1 River Road, Bozrah, Connecticut.

AGENDA-REVISED 11/18/19- 5:45 pm

1) Call to order/attendance

2) Public comment(s)

3) Approve minutes of BOS REGULAR Meeting of November 19, 2019

4) Approve minutes of BOS SPECIAL Meeting of December 11, 2019

5) Monthly Report-Fire Marshal

6) Monthly Report-Senior Services Coordinator/Municipal Agent

7) Monthly Report-State Police November, 2019

8) Firefighter tax abatement town meeting date

9) First Selectman Transition

10) Such other business that the board sees fit

11) Public Comment(s):

12) Adjourn

Carl L. Zorn-First Selectman
12/17/2019

Carl Zorn, First Selectman
Town of Bozrah
1 River Rd
Bozrah CT 06334

Carl,

The following are activities conducted by the Fire Marshal’s Office between 11/10/2019 thru 12/09/2019:

- Review of monthly communications from the State of Connecticut DEMHS
- Data entry into fire department data base
- Fire Marshal Continuing Education Class Gardner Lake FD 12/12/19 3 hours
- Fire Marshal Continuing Education Class- International Association of Arson Investigators 2 Day seminar Rocky Hill 20 hours
- Hillandale Farms construction meeting - waterline

Submitted,

Thomas E Main Jr., Fire Marshal
Town of Bozrah
NOVEMBER 2019 SENIOR REPORT

-The Bozrah Senior Center has 13 active members.

-November was filled with a lot of helpful things. The beginning of the month I offered Flu and Pneumonia shots. The following week I invited a Medicare Rep come to discuss the new changes coming to Medicare and to make sure Bozrah Senors had the plan that worked best for them. On average seniors were able to save $50 a month with their new plans.
We played bingo, The Sorry game, and enjoyed a Thanksgiving celebration.

-I got some new organizational items for the Senior Center that has really made a difference, not only in appearance, but cleanliness as well.

-The current balance for the Senior Center account is ~ $2228.87

-Pamela Contino
Director/Municipal Agent
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BOZRAH, CONNECTICUT, PROVIDING FOR TAX ABATEMENTS FOR ACTIVE AND RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE BOZRAH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS AND ADVANCED FIRE POLICE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the Town of Bozrah (hereinafter “Town”) is a duly organized municipality under the laws of the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the Town has adopted an ordinance pursuant to General Statute §12-81w to provide property tax relief to members of the Bozrah Volunteer Fire Company; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has amended General Statute §12-81w with Public Act 19-36 increasing the amount of tax relief that may be given; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to increase the property tax relief to retired volunteer firefighters, fire police officers and emergency medical technicians.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF BOZRAH IN LAWFUL TOWN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED THAT THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE BE ESTABLISHED BY THE TOWN OF BOZRAH:

Section 1. Residents of the Town of Bozrah who meet the following requirements and are active or retired members (hereinafter “member” or “members”) of the Bozrah Volunteer Fire Company (hereinafter “Company”) shall be eligible for a maximum of $1,500.00 property tax abatement each fiscal year until June 30, 2021, and then shall be eligible for a maximum of $2,000.00 property tax abatement for any fiscal year starting on or after July 1, 2021. The formula for computing an individual member’s tax abatement and eligibility shall be as follows:

A. For Active Members

An active member is a member participating in the delivery of emergency services and must be in good standing as defined within the Bozrah Volunteer Fire Company By-Laws, and must meet the following requirements:

1. Attending a minimum of 25% of the year’s emergency calls and meets the training requirements as prescribed by the By-laws of the Company (both calculated from January 1 – December 31 of each year) entitles the member to a base of $500.00 tax abatement; and

2. A member that is certified by the State of Connecticut at or above the level of Firefighter 1, Emergency Medical Responder, or Advanced Fire Police Officer (only those so appointed by the Bozrah Fire Chief) shall be eligible for an additional $250.00 for each category of certification achieved. This amount may be cumulative, but the total tax abatement to an individual may not exceed the statutory limit of $1,500.00 for any fiscal year until June 30, 2021, and then may not exceed the statutory limit of $2,000.00 for any fiscal year starting on or after July 1, 2021. A member that does not
meet the base requirements of Section 1 of this subsection shall not be eligible for any tax abatement for that year regardless of certifications.

B. For Retired Members

Retired members of the Bozrah Volunteer Fire Company are considered members that do not actively participate in the delivery of emergency services and are defined by the Company By-Laws as either a Club or Life Club member. Retired members shall be eligible to receive a property tax abatement to the highest level of certification achieved during their years of service for a maximum of $1,500.00 for any fiscal year until June 30, 2021, and then for a maximum of $2,000.00 for any fiscal year starting on or after July 1, 2021. Retired members must meet the following requirements:

1. Completed a minimum of 25 years of volunteer services as an active member with the Bozrah Volunteer Fire Company;
2. Be a Club or Life Club member in good standing as defined within the Company By-Laws;
3. Be a minimum of sixty (60) years of age; and
4. Submit a request in writing to the Bozrah Volunteer Fire Company stating that they wish to receive the property tax abatement.

The Fire Chief of the Bozrah Volunteer Fire Company shall submit a notarized list of all eligible members, as well as their respective level of tax abatement, to the Tax Collector no later than March 1st to be eligible for a tax abatement for the following October 1st Grand List.

Any other person specifically defined by General Statute §12-81w and Connecticut Public Act 19-36 who is not a member of the Bozrah Volunteer Fire Company but is a resident of the Town may be eligible for a maximum of $1,500.00 property tax abatement for any fiscal year until June 30, 2021, if approved by the Board of Selectmen, and then shall be eligible for a maximum of $2,000.00 property tax abatement for any fiscal year starting on or after July 1, 2021, if approved by the Board of Selectmen.

This ordinance shall only be applicable to residential owner-occupied real property and personally-owned personal property. Commercial property and non-owner occupied investment property of members and eligible persons shall not be covered by this ordinance.

Any eligible member or person who has a tax liability that is less than their permitted amount of tax abatement under this ordinance shall not be entitled to or receive any funds or credits for the difference between the tax liability and the permitted abatement.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of any other part of this ordinance that can be given affect without the invalid provisions or
applications; and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance and the various applications thereof are declared to be severable.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication thereof in a newspaper having substantial circulation in the Town of Bozrah.
Bozrah DPW TO DO LIST-12/11/19

Maple Farms-
- Continue porch renovation
- Locate and price lattice material for underneath
- Remove Crab Apple tree - Done 12/16/19
- Add railing to front step
- Assist Ray Barber in repair of the flagpole

DPW Garage-
- Determine source of transmission leak on Gunnars truck - Done 12/16/19
- We have spent about 70% of the maintenance budget-
  - The red rags that you asked for should be fine, $67.25 for 500 online - ordered
  - If you want to buy some cutting edges, we can-how much are they?
  - What other maintenance items do we think will happen before July???
- Do we want more salt? - 2 loads 12/16/19
- Roof and Trim replacement for dog pound
  - Material for Shingles?
  - Material for Siding?
  - Safety rails or brackets for staging?
- Sander Shed
  - ???-removal-reroof???new building???
- OSHA-
  - NFPA labeling for chemicals
  - Fire cabinet for small consumables
  - Spill catch basins are supposed to be empty-
  - Sue is going thru the paperwork on the pallet-support her when asked

Rec Field/senior center
- Replace Charles Long/Raymond Hayward sign-we have the new PVC sign??
- Demo the first bathroom-toilet, sink, wall covering, if no insulation remove drywall
- Replace broken/bad outside door sweeps
- Remove the warmer so we can sell it
- Remove the old wheel chair by the door-

Tree cut list
- Go over list and verify the highlited ones were taken down - Done till 20/21 fiscal year
- Remove the wood over the water line at the corner of Stanton hill - Done 12/15/19

Transfer Station
- Repair the parking brake on the backhoe
- Check for mice damage on the backhoe wiring

Social issues
- Pick up cans on Friday 12/13/19 at school 1115-1130 - Done 12/16/19
- Check Horseshoe road, make sure Ron can get to his mailbox

Bridges
- Bishop road over Pearsons Brook (#04587)-concrete box culvert
- Damage to the northbound approach metal beam rail. Clean/remove silt and debris from inlet of cell #1

- Bozrah Street Ext over Fitchville Pond (#04589)
  - Approach embankment erosion behind the southwest, northwest and northeast repair
  - Numerous metal beam rail connections at all four approach corners replacement?
  - Joints between the curb and rail base reseal at all four corners

- Stanton Hill road over Yantic River-(#05517)-Gilman
  - Masonry wall by abutment #1 Southwest repair-
  - Masonry wall by abutment #1 Southeast repair- done 9/1/19
  - Safety Barrier by the southeast retaining wall replacement- done 12/10/19