

**TOWN OF BOZRAH  
TOWN HALL  
1 RIVER ROAD  
BOZRAH, CONNECTICUT 06334**

The **Bozrah Board of Selectmen** held a **REGULAR MEETING** on **Tuesday September 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:** Full Board of Selectmen, three members of the public
- 2) **Public comment(s):** None
- 3) **Approve minutes of BOS Regular Meeting of August 20, 2019:**  
**MOTION:** Zorn/**SECONDED:** Ballinger **PASSED-UNANIMOUS**
- 4) **Approve minutes of BOS Special Meeting of September 3, 2019:**  
**MOTION:** Zorn/**SECONDED:** Ballinger **PASSED-UNANIMOUS**
- 5) **Monthly Reports-Fire Marshal** 06/10/19----07/09/19  
07/10/19----08/09/19- Attachments "A" and "B"
- 6) **Monthly Report-Senior Services Coordinator/Municipal Agent :** Attachment "C"
- 7) **Monthly Report -State Police** August,2019 : Attachment "D"
- 8) **Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) with Norwich Public Utilities**  
**Review DRAFT dated 09/18/19:** There are still some reservations.  
**MOTION:** Ballinger to move the IMA forward to WPCA for approval/ **SECONDED:** Zorn  
**PASSED-UNANIMOUS** **NOTE:** IMA 27 Page document will be available on the WPCA site
- 9) **Third amendment to Contract for Sale of Water and Sewer Assets:** Attachment "E"  
**MOTION:** Pianka to sign the document authorizing the closing date to be extended to November 8, 2019 **SECONDED:** Ballinger **PASSED-UNANIMOUS**
- 10) **Public Act 19-36 Act Increasing The Property Tax Abatement for Certain First Responders:**  
The public act allows for towns to increase the Emergency Services (FD) tax abatement from \$1000 to \$1500 in the first year and to \$2000 in the second year. The analysis is that it would forego \$3,000 in tax revenue on the first year and an additional \$3,000 in the second year. The current Town of Bozrah Ordinance would have to be updated and approved at a Town Meeting if endorsed by the Board of Finance at their Quarterly Meeting on September 23, 2019.  
**MOTION:** Pianka/**SECONDED:** Ballinger to bring this forward to the BOF **PASSED-UNANIMOUS**

**11) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – Fitchville Sidewalks Proposed Project update:**

Letter received from SCCOG on September 12, 2019 inquiring if Bozrah was interested in pursuing funding from the TAP Program for the designed sidewalk project- **Attachment "G" Page 1**

First Selectman Pianka responded before deadline with an affirmative- **Attachment "G" Page 2**

**12) Board of Finance Quarterly Meeting- September 23, 2019:**

Items to be brought forth include:

- a) Wetlands/Zoning Enforcement Officer additional funding required \$15,000
- b) Purchase of additional capacity of sewer lines \$250,000
- c) Public Act 19-36 would reduce tax revenue income by \$3,000 this year plus \$3,000 next year
- d) WPCA- Operational Capital- \$25,000

**13) Public Comment(s):**

Glenn Pianka 185 Fitchville Road: Spoke about the double telephone poles issue on Gager and Bishop Roads. The possible need for a private investigator to examine school aged children at Acorn Acres in defiance of the stipulated agreement. Issue with the Tax Assessor not returning inquiry emails in reference to the BLP/GPU PILOT Program and assessed property.

Raymond Barber Goshen Road: spoke about secretarial position on WPCA, Town employee ?  
Should also install a gas line on Route 82

**14) Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Glenn S. Pianka  
First Selectman



**OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL  
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"A"

08/28/2019

Glenn Pianka, First Selectman  
Town of Bozrah  
1 River Rd  
Bozrah CT 06334

Glenn,

The following are activities conducted by the Fire Marshal's Office between 06/10/2019 thru 07/09/2019;

- Review of monthly communications from the State of Connecticut DEMHS
- Data entry into fire department data base
- Elmbrook Gas line inspection with NPU 2 hrs.
- Elmbrook Fire Alarm testing 11.75 hours
- Vehicle Fire Investigation Rte. 2 eastbound between exits 22 & 23

Submitted,

Thomas E Main Jr., Fire Marshal  
Town of Bozrah



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08/28/2019

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Glenn,

The following are activities conducted by the Fire Marshal's Office between ~~06/10/2019~~ <sup>07/10/19</sup> thru ~~07/30/2019~~; <sup>08/09/19</sup>

- Review of monthly communications from the State of Connecticut DEMHS
- Data entry into fire department data base
- Elmbrook Senior Housing fire alarm testing 11 hours
- Vehicle Fire Investigation Rte. 2 westbound at exit 24
- Structure Fire Investigation with FM 125 (Bill Eybrese)

Annual Fire Safety Inspections;

- Colonial Baptist Church- also review request to add another door to daycare room
- Pathways

Submitted,

Thomas E Main Jr., Fire Marshal  
Town of Bozrah

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## AUGUST 2019 SENIOR REPORT

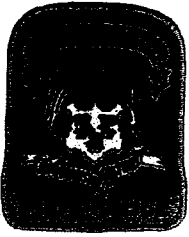
-The Bozrah Senior Center has 14 active members.

-The first week of August I brought the Senior Center members to the 2019 Healthy Living Expo. I made a lot of great contacts, and we got lots of free goodies. It was a great resource for seniors. They had people on hand to take blood pressure readings, vein checks, and various other services as well as lots of great information. I also planned a trip to Lavender Pond Farm. Due to the weather we weren't able to ride the train, but some of us took a nice relaxing walk and enjoyed the other things the farm had to offer. The end of the month we were joined by Andrea the TVCCA dietician to discuss sodium intake.

-I have made arrangements with John Roode, Executive Director of ECTC, for a speaker to come to the Senior Center in September to explain the benefits of The Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium. I have yet to get anyone to sign up for the Dial-a-Ride program this fiscal year. I do however have enrollees for the Mileage Reimbursement program. I'm hoping by having this event it will help to get the word out there as to what is available to seniors and those in need will take advantage of the program.

-The current balance for the Senior Center account is ~ \$2327.26

-Pamela Contino  
Director/Municipal Agent



Commanding Officer  
Lieutenant Marc Petruzzi

# State of Connecticut



## Connecticut State Police Troop K - Colchester



Executive Officer  
Master Sergeant Eric Peck

Date: September 1, 2019

Mr. Glenn Pianka  
Bozrah First Selectman  
1 River Road  
Bozrah, CT 06334

Dear Mr. Pianka,

This correspondence is an effort to keep you apprised of the monthly police services occurring within the Town of Bozrah.

During the month of August 2019 the Troop K Troopers responded to 121 Calls for Service in the Town of Bozrah. Of these Calls for Service the most notable are:

Accidents:	5
Burglaries:	1
Larcenies:	0
Other Criminal:	3
Other Non-Criminal:	7
Non Reportable Matters:	68
Other Noteworthy Events (List):	N/A.

In addition to the above investigations Troopers conducted the following motor vehicle enforcement:

On-Sight DWI:	2
Traffic Citations:	29
Written Warnings:	5

Sincerely,

*LT Petruzzi #037*

Lieutenant Marc Petruzzi #037  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
Troop "K" Colchester, CT

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THIRD AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR SALE OF  
WATER AND SEWER ASSETS

In consideration of the promises and the mutual obligations of the parties hereto, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Buyer and the Seller hereby agree to amend the Contract of Sale of Water and Sewer Assets between them dated December 14, 2017 (the "Agreement"), as amended by the First Amendment to Contract for Sale of Water and Sewer Assets dated May 24, 2019 (the "First Amendment"), and further amended by the Second Amendment to Contract for Sale of Water and Sewer Assets dated June 28, 2019 (the "Second Amendment"), as follows:

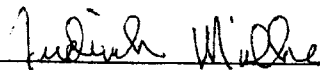
1. The last sentence of the first paragraph in Paragraph 10 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
"Notwithstanding the above, the closing shall occur on or prior to November 8, 2019."
2. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement as amended by the First Amendment and the Second Amendment and not in conflict with this Third Amendment shall remain in full force and effect and are hereby restated by the parties as though fully set forth herein.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands as of the 12th day of September, 2019.

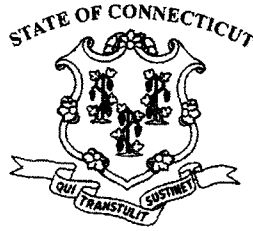
BUYER:

SELLER:

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Glenn Pianka, First Selectman  
Duly Authorized

  
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Frederick Mielke  
Duly Authorized Managing Member

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**Substitute House Bill No. 5125**

**Public Act No. 19-36**

**AN ACT INCREASING THE PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN FIRST RESPONDERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 12-81w of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

The legislative body of any municipality may establish, by ordinance, a program to provide property tax relief for a nonsalaried local emergency management director, any individual who volunteers his or her services as a firefighter, fire police officer, as defined in subsection (a) of section 7-308, emergency medical technician, paramedic, civil preparedness staff, active member of a volunteer canine search and rescue team, as defined in section 5-249, active member of a volunteer underwater search and rescue team, or ambulance driver in the municipality, or any individual who is a retired volunteer firefighter, fire police officer or emergency medical technician and has completed at least twenty-five years of service as a volunteer firefighter, fire police officer or emergency medical technician in the municipality. Such tax relief may provide either (1) (A) for the period commencing July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, an abatement of up to one thousand five hundred dollars in property taxes due for any fiscal year, and (B) on and after July 1, 2021, an



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***Substitute House Bill No. 5125***

abatement of up to two thousand dollars in property taxes due for any fiscal year, or (2) an exemption applicable to the assessed value of real or personal property up to an amount equal to the quotient of one million dollars divided by the mill rate, in effect at the time of assessment, expressed as a whole number of dollars per one thousand dollars of assessed value. Any ordinance may authorize interlocal agreements for the purpose of providing property tax relief to such volunteers who live in one municipality but volunteer or volunteered their services in another municipality.

Approved June 28, 2019

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Glenn Pianka

**From:** Kate Rattan <krattan@seccog.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 1:52 PM  
**To:** Glenn Pianka  
**Cc:** James Butler  
**Subject:** TAP Rural

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Glen,

The Rural Prioritization of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects is due at the end of the month to CTDOT. SCCOG will vote to provide a prioritized list of projects to CTDOT at the COG meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>. I would like to confirm Bozrah's continued interest in TAP funds for the project application: "Fitchville Road Sidewalks". **Please confirm your interest by responding with a short email to Jim Butler and me, stating that Bozrah is interested in being prioritized as a rural project within the TAP program.** If possible, please provide the email response prior to the COG meeting.

Bozrah's TAP application was deemed applicable for the rural TAP funding by SCCOG based upon FHWA's interpretation of the Urbanize Area boundary. Applications submitted for the earlier due date which were not prioritized for the Norwich-New London Urbanize Area money were included in the ranking of rural projects. No resubmission was necessary.

SCCOG staff have made the recommendation to prioritize Bozrah first within the rural ranking. Eligible rural projects will be ranked statewide by CTDOT, if no eligible projects are provided from NECCOG or NWCOG (these regions have right of first refusal for rural funding). Because this project has some design work complete, the project is positioned to move forward if expiring funds need to be quickly allocated. The federal transportation funding package has not yet been finalized and TAP funding may exceed our expectations in which case having this project in the ranking will ensure that it may be considered.

Please call if you need further clarification.

Regards,  
Katherine Rattan

Katherine Rattan, AICP | Planner III / Transportation Program Manager | 860-889-2324 x16 |  
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**Glenn Pianka**

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**From:** Glenn Pianka  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 2:07 PM  
**To:** 'James Butler'; 'Kate Rattan'  
**Cc:** Bill Ballinger; CARL ZORN  
**Subject:** Rural TAP Funding-"Fitchville Sidewalks"

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Jim and Kate,

Thank you both so much for keeping this proposed project alive. Yes, Bozrah would be very interested in being prioritized as a rural project within the TAP program.

Respectfully,

Glenn S. Pianka  
**Town of Bozrah**  
**First Selectman**  
**860-889-2689**