

TOWN OF BOZRAH
REGULAR HYBRID MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ZOOM-VIDEO CONFERENCE
BOZRAH TOWN HALL
March 16, 2021

Item 1: First Selectman Carl Zorn called a Regular Hybrid Meeting of the Bozrah Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order via Zoom and at the Bozrah Town Hall on March 16, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: First Selectman Carl Zorn, Second Selectman Bill Ballinger and Selectman Glenn Pianka.

Members of the Public: 12 Members of the public.

Item 2: Public Comments

Ray Barber, Goshen Road, commented on Item 4 - Short Term Rental Ordinance.

Item 3: Review of Monthly Reports

- a) State Police Report - Attachment 1
- b) Bozrah Food Bank Report- Attachment 2
- c) Senior Center Report - Attachment 3
- d) Fire Marshal Report- Attachment 4

Item 4: Review of Short Term Rental Ordinance and Bozrah Cemetery Commission Ordinance - Schedule for Public Hearing on ordinance - Suggest day for Hybrid Town Meeting and Approval of Ordinances

- a) Short Term Rental Ordinance

Attachment 5

C. Zorn noted the Short Term Rental Ordinance will have to go to a Public Hearing to be approved.

B. Ballinger noted for a traditional Bed and Breakfast, Planning and Zoning requires the owner to be on site. B. Ballinger suggested that Planning and Zoning require the owner to be on site for Short Term Rentals. B. Ballinger noted they could create a new Planning and

Zoning regulation rather than create an ordinance. Sam Alexander noted an ordinance would require a permit and permits can be revoked if rules are not followed. Sam Alexander explained if it is a Planning and Zoning regulation it will be harder to take away than an ordinance.

G. Pianka noted they reviewed ordinances from other towns in the state and suggested they continue with the ordinance rather than create a regulation through Planning and Zoning. G. Pianka noted they could go to the Council of Governments to create a consistent application for short term rentals in the state. G. Pianka noted they should review the ordinance further before going to a Public Hearing.

C. Zorn noted he will submit the proposed ordinance to the town attorney for review.

b) Public Comments

Leonard Jones, Gager Road, commented on the enforcement of the number of people at the rental property.

Mark Easter, Gager Road, commented that they should not allow any short term rentals.

Phil Warzecha, Gager Road, commented on issues with renters using their driveway.

Deb Pirie, Gager Road, commented on her appreciation of the Board taking their concerns seriously.

c) Bozrah Cemetery Commission Ordinance

Attachment 6

G. Pianka noted the Board already accepted the Bozrah Cemetery Ordinance on February 18, 2021.

Item 5: ZBA, New Appointment Alternate Member

- a) James Bonanno, 45 South Road, (860)-235-6045
 Email - j-bonanno@att.net
 Alternate dates would be 11/17/2018 - 11/21/2023

MOTION 1: B. Ballinger made a motion to appoint James Bonanno as an alternate member to the ZBA. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 6: Maples Farm Park, New Appointment/Regular Member

- a) Debra White-Palmer, 410 Salem Turnpike, (860)-949-4073
 Email - White.Debra.A@gmail.com
 To full unexpired term of Jon Kemp: 12/15/2020 - 12/15/2023

MOTION 2: B. Ballinger made a motion to appoint Debra White Palmer to full the regular position on the Maples Farm Park commission. G. Pianka seconded the motion.
 Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

- b) Candice Chambers
 To alternate position currently held by Gina Bitgood: 6/30/2020 - 6/30/2023

MOTION 3: B. Ballinger made a motion to appoint Candice Chambers to the alternate position on the Maples Farm Park commission. G. Pianka seconded the motion.
 Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

- c) Gina Bitgood
 To regular position currently held by Candice Chambers: 12/15/2018 - 12/15/2021

MOTION 4: B. Ballinger made a motion to appoint Gina Bitgood to the regular position on the Maples Farm Park Commission. G. Pianka seconded the motion.
 Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

- d) Brandon Lathrop
 To alternate position: 12/15/2020 -12/15/2023

MOTION 5: B. Ballinger made a motion to appoint Brandon Lathrop to the alternate position on the Maples Farm Park commission. G. Pianka seconded the motion.
 Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 7: Bozrah Local Traffic Authority: Update 15 MPH speed limit signs on Bozrah Street Extension to 25 MPH to be in compliance with state statute- Minimum Enforceable Speed Limit

C. Zorn noted the Bozrah Local Traffic Authority would like to change the speed limit signs to 25 MPH on Bozrah Street Extension so the speed limit can be enforced.

MOTION 6: B. Ballinger made a motion, acting as the Bozrah Local Traffic Authority, update the speed limit signs on Bozrah Street Extension to 25 MPH. G. Pianka seconded the motion.
 Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 8: To review and act on a BOS letter to the Bozrah Public Utilities Commission in support of using BL&P economic development funds to cover the cost of installing temporary electrical for the proposed expansion of Mid-City Steel on Stockhouse Road

MOTION 7:C. Zorn made a motion to support the request and approve the letter. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 9: FY 2021 - 2022 Income Budget Workshop

C. Zorn noted under Parks and Recreation is \$9,700 budgeted for the Summer Program which will include training and a nurse. G. Pianka noted last year they planned on around \$7,100 for the Summer Program. G. Pianka questioned if a nurse was required. C. Zorn noted they need a staff member trained in early childhood development, CPR and First Aid. G. Pianka noted he supports the Summer Program but not the dollar amount.

C. Zorn discussed the audit line item in the budget. G. Pianka noted the WPCA will cost the town money after paying for the audit.

Item 10: BOF Funding Requests

- a) Approval of town budget for submittal to the Board of Finance on March 22, 2021

MOTION 8: G. Pianka made a motion to present the BOS budget to the BOF. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

- b) LOTCIP sidewalk construction update - it was stuck in the SCCOG and now it is not. We need \$6,500 to revise the plans to meet the state comments then we will get full funding for the project

MOTION 9: B. Ballinger made a motion to request from the BOF \$6,500 to be moved from the general fund and put into the capital budget. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

- c) Town Garage Fuelmaster replacement - relay board broken, obsolete system cost. Replace with new system \$17,000

MOTION 10: B. Ballinger made a motion to request from the BOF for \$17,000 to be moved from the general fund and put into line item 135-53012. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 11: First Selectman Report

- a) Wawecus Road tree down during wind storm, no road flooding reported

- b) Summer Program - Town to provide funding BOE to run the program at the school with visits to Maples Farm Park. Pre-registration is required, adherence to pay rates for part time town positions required, still waiting for budget submittal
- c) Backhoe Repairs

C. Zorn noted the repairs are still ongoing.

Item 12: Such other business as the Board sees fit

G. Pianka noted his concerns with the Peddling Ordinance.

MOTION 11: B. Ballinger made a motion to add to the agenda item 12a Discussion of Peddling Ordinance. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 12a: Discussion of Peddling Ordinance

G. Pianka noted there is an individual who wants to put a food cart at a business in town on a regular basis. G. Pianka noted he is not against businesses operating legally in the town of Bozrah. G. Pianka explained in the Peddling Ordinance it reads no peddler should have any exclusive right to any location in the public streets or stationary location. G. Pianka noted this particular business is a mobile cart but they plan to keep it in the same spot. G. Pianka noted the Board can review the ordinance. The board agreed they are okay with vendors setting up in town.

Item 13: Public Comments

Sue Ververis, Bashon Road, commented on the Summer Program pay rates.

Item 14: Adjourn

MOTION 12: B. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. G. Pianka second the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

Heather Barber
Recording Secretary