

TOWN OF BOZRAH
PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ZOOM - VIDEO CONFERENCE
April 28, 2021

First Selectman Carl Zorn called the Public Hearing to order on the Video Conference Application Zoom on April 28, 2021 at 7:00p.m.

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

C. Zorn noted the purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive comments on the proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance and the proposed Cemetery Commission Ordinance.

Comments on the Proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance:

Raymond Barber, Goshen Road, commented on his support of the Short Term Rental Ordinance and questioned if it would become part of the Planning and Zoning regulations if passed. R. Barber also commented on the Short Term Rental Enforcement Officer. C. Zorn noted the Short Term Rental Enforcement Officer would be the First Selectmen or the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Selectman Glenn Pianka commented due to what is included in the ordinance, Planning and Zoning may include it as part of their regulations.

Selectman Bill Ballinger commented that Planning and Zoning noted following the Board of Selectmen making an Ordinance for short term rentals they would choose to make it part of their regulations or not to.

Don Pirie, Gager Road, commented his support of the proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance and expressed his troubles with neighboring a short term rental. D. Pirie also commented on his support of the 5 person occupancy limit and restriction of use written in the ordinance.

Phil Warzecha, Gager Road, commented his support of the proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance.

Scott Taylor, Wawecus Hill Road, commented the occupancy limit in the ordinance should be set higher as not to limit other townspeople in the future. S. Taylor also commented the section of the ordinance titled Restrictions of Use should be defined clearer. S. Taylor also commented on his support of the proposed ordinance.

Jill Pirie, Cedar Lane, commented on her support of the proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance.

Leonard Jones, Gager Road, commented on his support of the Short Term Rental Ordinance.

Comments on the Proposed Cemetery Commission Ordinance:

Raymond Barber, Goshen Road, commented the membership in the ordinance should include 5 Bozrah resident members and 2 out of town members. R. Barber commented on his support of the commission otherwise.

Selectman Glenn Pianka commented the commission should be made up of more out of town members than in town because of the necessary knowledge needed to run the commission. G. Pianka also commented that land surrounding the cemetery has been obtained and the commission would be responsible for making it usable public space. G. Pianka also commented on the commission creating a GPS system marking where all graves are located. G. Pianka commented the commission would be responsible for caring for the stones in the cemeteries.

Selectman Bill Ballinger commented on his support of the proposed Cemetery Commission Ordinance and the importance of upkeep to the town cemeteries.

MOTION: B. Ballinger made a motion to conclude the Public Hearing on both ordinances at 7:27 p.m. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

Heather Barber
Recording Secretary