

**TOWN OF BOZRAH**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**BOZRAH TOWN HALL**  
February 15, 2022

**Item 1:** First Selectman Glenn Pianka called a Regular Meeting of the Bozrah Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at the Bozrah Town Hall on February 15, 2022 at 7:02 p.m.

**Members Present:** First Selectman Glenn Pianka, Second Selectman Bill Ballinger and Selectman Jeremy Tarasevich

5 Members of the Public

**Item 2:** Public Comments

No public comment.

**Item 3:** Approval of Minutes -Regular Meeting January 18, 2022

**MOTION 1:** J. Tarasevich made a motion to approve the minutes for the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting held January 18, 2022. B. Ballonger seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 4:** Monthly Reports

- a. Fire Marshal
- b. Food Bank - Attachment 1
- c. Senior Services Coordinator - Attachment 2 Dec. 2021 and Attachment 3 Jan. 2022)
- d. State Police - Attachment 4

**Item 5:** Agriculture Commission

Attachment 5 - Email dated 01/26/22 from Chairperson Brush

**MOTION 2:** G. Pianka made a motion to approve the placement of the bird houses along the river walk park on Stockhouse Road. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Chairperson Sarah Brush noted the commission was seeking clarification on how raised funds could be spent, whether it needed to be spent through the Student Activity Fund. G. Pianka noted funds raised within a commission can be spent through a separate new account, not just the Student Activity Fund. G. Pianka clarified the new account would be audited and not be used for awards or scholarships. B. Ballinger noted all commissions should follow the same guidelines.

**Item 6: Town Policy Discussion**

G. Pianka noted the checking accounts for town commissions, including the Recreation Commission, Senior Center, Maples Farm Park Commission, and the Agriculture Commission, should all follow the same guidelines. G. Pianka noted the commissions accounts are audited.

**Item 7: Adopt-A-Road Program**

G. Pianka noted a discussion with town resident Zach Denovelis on town road clean ups. G. Pianka noted the Adopt-A-Road program where businesses sponsor a road for clean up.

**Item 8: Short Term Rental Ordinance/ Administrator Update**

Attachment 6 - Email dated 1/25/22 from First Selectman Glenn Pianka

G. Pianka explained the Southeastern Council of Government (SCCOG) is addressing short term rental regulation regionally. Sue Ververis, Short Term Rental Administrator, noted short term rental neighbor complaints and the lack of response from the town attorney on this situation. S. Ververis noted her concern on the short term rental property being in the process of being sold. G. Pianka noted they will follow up with the town attorney to set a hearing date.

**Item 9: First Selectman - Term of Office**

Attachment 7

G. Pianka noted they are looking into extending the First Selectman term of office and all other 2 year terms to 4 year terms. G. Pianka expressed that 2 years is a short amount of time to complete projects in office. The Board agreed and noted the next step is to create an ordinance.

**Item 10: First Selectman Updates**

- a. Uncas Health District - Board of Directors

Attachment 8

G. Pianka noted Dr. Michael Betton is due for reappointment to the Uncas Health District Board of Directors, they are looking for someone to fill his spot.

b. Winter Storms

G. Pianka noted a job well done by the Bozrah Department of Public Works during the winter storms this season.

c. COVID-19 Test Kits and N-95 Masks

G. Pianka noted all test kits and masks are available at the Town Hall.

d. BLP-PILOT (Utilities Commission Meeting 1/26/22)

G. Pianka noted the BLP-PILOT was temporarily raised to \$54,240 for the cost of a service study.

e. Underground Storage Tank (UST) Bids Opening

G. Pianka noted March 26, 2022 bids open for the UST at Fields Memorial School.

f. Revaluation Services Bid Opening

G. Pianka noted February 17, 2022 bids opened for the revaluation services.

g. Town Ordinance Book

G. Pianka noted Deb Stake is moving forward with creating a book outlining the Town Ordinances up to date.

h. Planning and Zoning and Inland Wetlands Fee Ordinance Review Committee

i. Public Buildings Mask Mandate/ Governor's Executive Orders

G. Pianka noted they will relax mask orders at the town hall starting February 28, 2022.

j. Randy Collins (CCM) Meeting 2/1/22

k. Parade Committee / Bozrah Day

G. Pianka noted committees in town have asked to add floats to the Bozrah Memorial Day parade. G. Pianka also noted interest from town residents in planning Bozrah Day, a daily fun day the town celebrated in the past.

l. Zoning Enforcement Officer

G. Pianka noted who SCCOG planned to hire as the shared Zoning Enforcement for Ledyard

and Bozrah did not take the job. G. Pianka noted for now Town Planner Sam Alexander will hold the position until it is filled.

**Item 11: Public Water Line Extension Grant Opportunity**

Attachment 9 - Department of Public Health (DPH) letter dated 2/3/22

Attachment 10 - Department of Public Health (DPH) Revolving Fund Grant Application Information

G. Pianka noted he will present the letter and grant information to the WPCA meeting to discuss and move forward.

**Item 12: Budget Workshop Meeting Dates**

The next Budget Workshop meeting will be held at the Bozrah Town Hall on Monday February 28, 2022 at 6 p.m.

**Item 13: Such Other Business As The Board May Vote to Hear**

**MOTION 3:** B. Ballinger made a motion to add to the agenda Item 13a January 12, 2022 Town Meeting Minutes. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 13a: January 12, 2022 Town Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION 4:** B. Ballinger made a motion to table the approval of the minutes from the Town Meeting held January 12, 2022. J. Tarasevich seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 14: Public Comments**

James Bonano commented on the GotSpace data center agreement.

Carolyn Dziengiel commented on the Town Ordinance book, the January 12, 2022 town meeting minutes and the town website.

Raymond Barber commented on Norwich Public Utilities and the WPCA.

**Item 15: Adjourn**

**MOTION 5:** J. Tarasevich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 p.m. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

Heather Provost  
Recording Secretary