

**TOWN OF BOZRAH**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**BOZRAH TOWN HALL**  
March 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 March 15, 2022 at 7:00 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

a. Regular Meeting February 15, 2022

J. Tarasevich noted to correct item 10d to read, "The BLP-PILOT t was temporarily raised to \$54,240 for the cost of a service study."

**MOTION 1:** G. Pianka made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Selectmen regular meeting held February 15, 2022 as amended. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.  
Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

b. BOS Special Meeting February 28, 2022

**MOTION 2:** J. Tarasevich made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Selectmen special meeting held February 28, 2022. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.  
Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

c. BOS Special Meeting March 10, 2022

**MOTION 3:** J. Tarasevich made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Selectmen special meeting held March 10, 2022. G. Pianka seconded the motion. B. Ballinger abstained.  
Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 4:** Monthly Reports

- a. Fire Marshal - Attachment 1
- b. Food Bank - Attachment 2
- c. Senior Services Coordinator - No report this month
- d. State Police - Attachment 3

**Item 5: Public Act 21-29 "Opt-Out" Provisions - Action Item (Sent to BOS for review/preparation on 3/7/22)**

Attachment 4

G. Pianka presented the board with the memorandum from the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG).

**MOTION 4:** G. Pianka made a motion to adopt the Public Act 21-29 "Opt-Out" Provisions as requested by the Town Planner Samuel Alexander. J. Tarasevich seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 6: Town Ordinance Proposal: Tax Collector re: Building/Zoning permits/ non-payment of taxes**

Tax Collector, Nancy Renshaw, proposed a new ordinance that would ensure taxes are paid before permits are granted. G. Pianka noted the board is creating an organized ordinance book, ridding of unnecessary old ordinances and adding new relevant ordinances. G. Pianka noted they will look into this new ordinance then.

**Item 7: Appointment: Board of Assessment Appeals (Term 11/16/2021-11/18/2025)**

Nancy Renshaw 243 Bashon Hill Road Bozrah, CT

**MOTION 5:** G. Pianka made a motion to appoint Nancy Renshaw to fill the vacancy on the Board of Assessment Appeals for the term 11/16/2021 - 11/18/2025. J. Tarasevich seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 8: Judy Lehosky Letter of Complaint - regarding Noble Hill Road received 02/15/22**

Attachment 5

G. Pianka presented the Board with the letter from Judy Lehosky and his response.

**Item 9: Tabled from BOS Regular Meeting of February 15, 2022 - Approval of Town Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2022**

Attachment 6

**MOTION 6:** B. Ballinger made a motion to approve the minutes from the Town Meeting held January 2, 2022 as presented. J. Tarasevich seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 10:** First Selectman Updates:

- a. Underground Storage Tank (UST) Bids Opening March 9, 2022 - Attachment 7

- b. Revaluation Services Bid Opening

G. Pianka noted one bid for \$35,000.

- c. Town Ordinance Book

G. Pianka noted they are preparing for the creation of an organized Town Ordinance book.

- d. Planning and Zoning and Inland Wetlands Fee Ordinance Review Committee

G. Pianka noted the Planning and Zoning and Inland Wetland committees approved upgrades to fees so they are more in line with others in the region.

- e. Parade Committee/ Bozrah Day

G. Pianka noted the Parade Committee is meeting March 23, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bozrah Town Hall.

- f. Zoning Enforcement Officer (Share Contract for Services document) - Attachment 8

G. Pianka noted the Zoning Enforcement officer will work on call for \$40 an hour servicing Ledyard and Bozrah starting March 21, 2022.

- g. Speed Monitoring Signs from T2 Training Center (DOT Grant)

G. Pianka noted the town was gifted solar speed monitoring signs to place on different streets in Town.

- h. Town Clerk Status

G. Pianka noted the Town Clerk fell in the parking lot of the Town Hall. G. Pianka noted the Town Clerk has not contacted the town in any way since the fall. Shirley Marth, the assistant to the Town Clerk, will fill in the Town Clerk hours for this week.

i. DPW Backhoe out of Service

G. Pianka noted the DPW Backhoe is out of service, he explained the turbo parts are ordered that need to be replaced. G. Pianka proposed the idea of purchasing a used backhoe from Woodstock for \$53,000. G. Pianka noted the current budget allows for the purchase of the used backhoe and the turbo parts for the backhoe out of service.

**MOTION 7:** B. Ballinger made a motion to add to the agenda item 12a Authorize First Selectman to Purchase Used Backhoe not to exceed \$60,000. J. Tarasevoch seconded the motion. Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

j. Break Room, Lobby, Stairwell - Repainted by O'Connell Painting

k. Maples Farm Park - Pavilion

G. Pianka noted the trusses for the roof are being delivered on March 15, 2022. G. Pianka also noted Steve Coit is donating site service.

**Item 11: Budget Workshop - Continued Preparation for BOF Quarterly Meeting on March 21, 2022**

The Board reviewed the proposed budget line item by line item.

**MOTION 8:** G. Pianka made a motion to present the proposed Board of Selectmen budget titled "Board of Selectmen Workshop Draft March 15, 2022" at the Board of Finance quarterly meeting on March 21, 2022. The capital totalling \$770,496 and the general government totalling \$2,014,243 together totaling \$2,784,739. B. Ballinger seconded the motion. Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 12: Such Other Business as the Board May Vote to Hear**

**Item 12a: Authorize First Selectman to Purchase Used Backhoe not to exceed \$60,000**

**MOTION 9:** B. Ballinger made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to purchase a used backhoe not to exceed \$60,000. J. Tarasevich seconded the motion. Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 13: Public Comments**

Nancy Renshaw commented the Gager Road AirBnb has been sold as a residential property.

Ev Brown commented on pot holes in town and the farmers market house.

Carolyn Dziengiel commented on the farmers market house and compost in town.

Raymond Barber commented on the underground storage tank, revaluation services and the backhoe.

**Item 14: Adjourn**

**MOTION 10:** J. Tarasevich made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted for the Board,

Heather Provost  
Recording Secretary



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03/15/2022

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 01/10/2022 thru 02/09/2022:

- Review of communications from the State of Connecticut DEMHS
- Data entry into fire department data base
- Fire Investigation Hillandale Farms
- Inspection of building modification Elmbrook Village
- Discussion with Hillandale Farms on Avian Flu operations modification
- Answered request for information on 99 Stockhouse Rd

Annual Fire Safety Inspections

- Revelation Church
- Connecticut Institute for the Blind
- Gilman Brothers
- Gilman Corporation
- Moose Lodge
- Gorin's Furniture
- Inner Peace

Submitted,

Thomas E Main Jr., Fire Marshal  
Town of Bozrah



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Glenn,

The following are activities conducted by the Fire Marshal's Office between 02/10/2022 thru 03/09/2022:

- Review of communications from the State of Connecticut DEMHS
- Data entry into fire department data base
- Discussion with Ramon Pons, CWPM Safety Coordinator on Sterling Superior transfer station
- Meeting with Glen Gorin on building modification 28 Haughton Rd
- FM continuing education class 3/2/2022
- FM continuing education class 3/3/2022
- Discussion and follow-up with Patrick McCormick on relocation of Fitchville Home resident relocation.
- Discussion with Beverly McGowen on Fitchville Home heating system repair and resident relocation
- FM continuing education class 3/7/2022
- Contact with Sam Alexander in regard to fire apparatus turning radius plan for Coit project Stockhouse Rd

Submitted,

Thomas E Main Jr., Fire Marshal  
Town of Bozrah

## Bozrah Food Pantry February 2022 Monthly Report

The Bozrah Food Pantry (BFP) continues to be well stocked and the schedule of participants submitting requests by Wednesdays and pickups on Thursdays 3:00 - 6:00 PM is working well. The BFP provided food snacks to the Bozrah Senior Center.

### Food Requests:

The BFP had five weekly food requests from families for pickups prepared and given out. Each pickup is about one week's worth of food for each person. (6 adults 0 children)

### Donations:

Molly Lathrop, Carolyn Dziengle, Janet Cosenza, Dorothy Lathrop, and several anonymous Bozrah residents dropped food off at the Town Hall.

### BFP Financials:

#### Purchases with debit card:

- No purchases

#### Purchases with gift cards:

- Shoprite gift card beginning balance \$192.95
- \$36.92 (meatballs and mayo)
- Ending balance \$156.03
  
- Stop& Shop gift card beginning balance \$165.19
- \$25 gift card from Dorothy Lathrop
- \$25 gift card from Janet Cosenza
- \$14.00 (chicken nuggets and hot dogs)
- \$15.54 (eggs and bread)
- Ending balance \$185.65

Sincerely,

Tom Ververis (BFP Coordinator)

Linda Blinn-Smolen (BFP Coordinator)

(Mar 4 2022)





# State of Connecticut



## Connecticut State Police Troop K - Colchester

Commanding Officer  
Lieutenant Erik Trotter #042

Executive Officer  
Master Sergeant Eric Peck #085

Date: 03/01/2022

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 **February 2022** the Troop K Troopers responded to 123 Calls for Service in the Town of Bozrah. Of these Calls for Service the most notable are:

Accidents:	10
Burglaries:	0
Larcenies:	3
Other Criminal:	2
Other Non-Criminal:	0
Non Reportable Matters:	67
Other Noteworthy Events (List):	N/A.

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

On-Sight DWI:	0
Traffic Citations:	26
Written Warnings:	12

Sincerely,

***Lt. Erik Trotter #042***

Lieutenant Erik Trotter #042  
Commanding Officer  
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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Town of Bozrah Board of Selectmen  
FROM: Samuel Alexander, AICP, Planner III/SCCOG (Bozrah Town Planner) /s/  
DATE: February 11, 2022

### **Public Act 21-29 "Opt-out" Provisions - Required action by the Board of Selectmen**

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At the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Commission took two actions that require attention from the Board of Selectmen:

- Opt out of a provision of Public Act 21-29 affecting the Commission's authority to impose parking requirements on certain residential dwellings.
- Opt out of a provision of Public Act 21-29 allowing as-of-right accessory dwelling units on lots with single-family homes.

Public Act 21-29 makes a number of changes to the Connecticut General Statutes that affect the power of zoning commissions. Local Commissions may opt out of only two of those provisions, but remain subject to the others. By choosing to opt out of the above-referenced provisions, *the Commission is able to keep its regulations the way they are* with regards to parking requirements and accessory dwelling units.

The Commission followed the correct process to opt out of those two provisions, with an effective date of March 16<sup>th</sup>. That effective date is pending action by the Board of Selectmen. *The Board of Selectmen is required to affirm the Commission's opt-out decision by vote.*

#### **Process Required by the Act**

- PZC elects by 2/3 to initiate opt-out process.
- PZC files an application to opt out and holds a public hearing.
- PZC makes a decision about whether to opt out, noting reasons on the record.
- PZC publishes a legal notice as required, within 15 days.
- BOS approves opt out (or disapproves) by a two-thirds vote (March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting).
- PZC has opted out of the relevant provisions of the act.

ATTACHMENT: Relevant Sections of the Act

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**Sec. 4.** Section 8-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2021):

... (d) Zoning regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall not:

... (9) Require more than one parking space for each studio or one-bedroom dwelling unit or more than two parking spaces for each dwelling unit with two or more bedrooms, unless the municipality opts out in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of this act...

**Sec. 5. (NEW)** (Effective October 1, 2021) The zoning commission or combined planning and zoning commission, as applicable, of a municipality, by a two-thirds vote, may initiate the process by which such municipality opts out of the provision of subdivision (9) of subsection (d) of section 8-2 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, regarding limitations on parking spaces for dwelling units, provided such commission: (1) First holds a public hearing in accordance with the provisions of section 8-7d of the general statutes on such proposed opt-out, (2) affirmatively decides to opt out of the provision of said subsection within the period of time permitted under section 8-7d of the general statutes, (3) states upon its records the reasons for such decision, and (4) publishes notice of such decision in a newspaper having a substantial circulation in the municipality not later than fifteen days after such decision has been rendered. Thereafter, the municipality's legislative body or, in a municipality where the legislative body is a town meeting, its board of selectmen, by a two-thirds vote, may complete the process by which such municipality opts out of the provision of subsection (d) of section 8-2 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

**Sec. 6. (NEW)** (Effective January 1, 2022) (a) Any zoning regulations adopted pursuant to section 8-2 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall:

(1) Designate locations or zoning districts within the municipality in which accessory apartments are allowed, provided at least one accessory apartment shall be allowed as of right on each lot that contains a single-family dwelling and no such accessory apartment shall be required to be an affordable accessory apartment;

...(e) If a municipality fails to adopt new regulations or amend existing regulations by January 1, 2023, for the purpose of complying with the provisions of subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section, and unless such municipality opts out of the provisions of said subsections in accordance with the provisions of subsection (f) of this section, any noncompliant existing regulation shall become null and void and such municipality shall approve or deny applications for accessory apartments in accordance with the requirements for regulations set forth in the provisions of subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section until such municipality adopts or amends a regulation in compliance with said subsections. A municipality may not use or impose additional standards beyond those set forth in subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section, the zoning commission or combined planning and zoning commission, as applicable, of a municipality, by a two-thirds vote, may initiate the process by which such municipality opts out of the provisions of said subsections regarding allowance of accessory apartments, provided such commission: (1) First holds a public hearing in accordance with the provisions of section 8-7d of the general statutes on such proposed opt-out, (2) affirmatively decides to opt out of the provisions of said subsections within the period of time permitted under section 8-7d of the general statutes, (3) states upon its records the reasons for such decision, and (4) publishes notice of such decision in a newspaper having a substantial circulation in the municipality not later than fifteen days after such decision has been rendered. Thereafter, the municipality's legislative body or, in a municipality where the legislative body is a town meeting, its board of selectmen, by a two-thirds vote, may complete the process by which such municipality opts out of the provisions of subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section, except that, on and after January 1, 2023, no municipality may opt out of the provisions of said subsections.

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**RECEIVED**

FEB 15, 2022

February 8, 2022

OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN  
TOWN OF BOZRAH

First Selectman Glenn Pianka,

I have lived at 7 Noble Hill Road in Bozrah, since 2007, and enjoyed many years of the rural quiet setting always referring to it as 'paradise'. Recently, I noticed two articles in a local newspaper, referencing Bozrah, dated October 28, 2021, and January 27, 2022, which brought about the reason for this letter.

As part of the Bozrah community, and the only permanent resident on Noble Hill Road, I am entitled to enjoy my property and surroundings without daily concessions, but over the years it has changed, and I want to address these reasons.

1) Noble Hill Road:

2 posted signs – ABSOLUTELY NO CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC ON BRIDGE – who posted and who is responsible for enforcement? An average of 2 -4 construction trucks, loaded and empty travel by daily (depending on the season) creating extra noise (downshifting) and traffic congestion over the small bridge. The bridge is narrow, and the construction trucks take priority over other vehicles because of their size, including school buses, delivery trucks and family vehicles.

Since the weekend and continuing today every 15 – 20 minutes a construction truck, loaded with snow, is traveling by my house then within 5 – 8 minutes it is passing by again empty. The bridge is not marked with a weight capacity size, nor is it wide enough for any oversized vehicles to pass and the guard rails, on the Bozrah side, are deteriorated what there is of them.

I spoke to the previous selectman stating the Noble Hill Road sign had been misspelled (Nobel) since I moved here in 2007, he stated the town had no money for a new sign. The situation was temporarily resolved about a month later, the Nobel Hill Road sign disappeared, now there is no sign at all. I also mentioned the possibility of a hidden driveway sign or a speed limit sign, because of the increase in traffic and I found it dangerous getting out of my driveway. This road has become a short cut for everyone, I have had incidents where I and my guests have almost been hit by speeding cars, but he clarified those signs also fell into the lack of town funds category.

2) Road Drainage:

My yearly National Flood Insurance bill is over \$1,000.00 a year, Traders Cove Brook flows west to east on the Montville border of my property before going under the Noble Hill Road bridge. When the wetlands flood, on the west side of my property, my back yard fills with water. During the 2010 flooding, the additional runoff of water coming down both Bozrah Noble Hill Road and Montville Noble Hill Road, and from the brook itself all came onto my property. All the water from these two roads entered on the west side of the bridge, causing a whirlpool effect, and greatly decreasing the flow of water trying to go under the bridge. Not only was my back yard flooded but the water came within 2 inches of flooding the lower level of my home. I did write a letter to the Town of Bozrah, and Montville addressing this situation and heard no response from either town.

3) Elmbrook Living Facility lighting and secondary entrance:

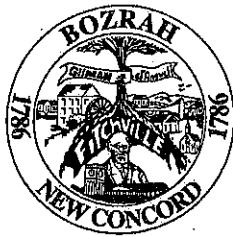
Very few of the Bozrah residents went through the construction stages of this facility but all town residents received the tax benefits. There is no doubt that the building and grounds are very nice, but I live across the road, and I see it differently. During the construction, I checked with the Bozrah Town Hall, and was told the secondary entrance, which is across from my driveway, was designated for emergency vehicles only, however, vehicles use it day and night. I found it interesting that light pollution was a concern in a recent newspaper article, for a proposed Technology Park in Bozrah. The parking lot lights, 4 large windows and an entrance doorway, on the end of their building, all shine toward my house. The main entrance to the building, when used by Emergency vehicles, allows the headlights to shine toward Noble Hill Road. The parking lot lights and building lights should be used for the immediate property surrounding the building, they should not shine onto my property or inside my home, causing light pollution both outside and inside my home. I have written to the owner of property but have received no response.

When voicing concerns, it is always logical to also suggest possible solutions to help solve the issues.

- 1) Take down the two construction signs if no one is going to enforce them. Place signs stating the bridge is a one lane bridge, and its weight capacity.  
Post speed limit and hidden driveway signs, so I can safely enter and exit my property.  
The dumping of snow from street and parking lots in adjoining towns should be stopped. The snow might use salt and other snow melting products which will flow into the Traders Cove Brook eventually.
- 2) Nothing can be done with the wetlands, however the road water run off can be addressed. A piping system to handle the road drainage can be installed, to move the water under the bridge to be released on the east side of the bridge. Perhaps working with the Town of Montville to share costs would be advisable. The Noble Hill Road is angled toward my property, from both Montville and Bozrah, which is totally illogical because it interferes with the natural flow of the Traders Cove Brook water flowing of west to east.
- 3) The secondary entrance should be closed off for all local use, with signs stating it is for emergency use only. The gate can be closed with a breakaway connection allowing the emergency vehicles to enter, or gates closed with no locks enabling them to be pushed open or bumped open when necessary.  
Window covering or simple contact paper would eliminate the direct glare from the windows and glass in the door entrance. Movement detectors in the parking lot because the traffic flow is minimal during the night hours or using smaller watt lights bulbs.

Thank you for your time and attention in these matters. You may leave a message at 860-949-8406 if you should have any questions or would like to discuss these matters further. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Thank You,  
Judy Lehosky



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February 22, 2022

Judy Lehosky  
7 Noble Hill Road  
Bozrah, CT 06334

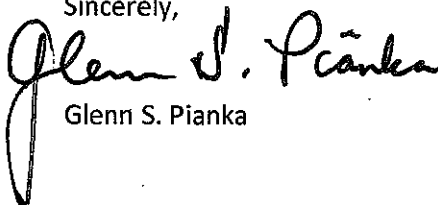
Dear Ms. Lehosky,

I have reviewed your letter dated February 8, 2022 and personally visited the area on February 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. I am pleased to report that the following actions will take place in your neighborhood:

- 1) The Construction Traffic signs will be removed. They were placed there during the construction phase of Elmbrook and should have been removed.
- 2) The bridge is not designated as One Lane so your request will not be honored (Note: Most motorists treat the bridge as if it were one lane)
- 3) We are in the process of ordering new road and street signage for the entire town....I will have speed (25MPH) signs and a Hidden Driveway sign erected for your benefit when we receive our shipment.
- 4) Trees in the immediate area have already begun to be removed and trimmed back. This was on our plan for quite some time so the timing is perfect.
- 5) The driveway from Elmbrook to Noble Hill Road was planned to be for Emergency Access Only. I recall that during the planning and development phase. I will run this by our Town Planner and Zoning Enforcement Official for follow-up.
- 6) Light Pollution is always a concern for our developments. The same was the case for the Elmbrook development. We will take a look to see if alterations to the approved plans have been made.
- 7) The nomenclature of the brook and bridge orientations is historical. The site has not been designated to be under any hydrologic review.
- 8) The removal of snow from large storms, such as the one where you cite truck traffic dumping snow in the area somewhere near your home, would be classified as 'Emergency' operations and would not be held to the same scrutiny as if the operations were ongoing.

Please feel free to contact me with any further discussion on any of the items addressed above. I will update you on those that will need further action by other officials, specifically, items numbered 5 and 6.

Sincerely,

  
Glenn S. Pianka

First Selectman Glenn Pianka called to order a Town Meeting January 12, 2022, at 7:00 pm at Fields Memorial School 8 Bozrah Street Ext. Bozrah CT with twenty people in attendance.

First Selectman Pianka: The first order of business is nominate a moderator. Mary Elizabeth Lang of Gifford Lane made a motion for Michael Betten of Wawecus Hill Road to act as moderator. Bruce Neild of Gifford Lane seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moderator Michael Betten asked for a moment of silence for the loss of Mr. Henry Granger who was moderator for the town for over 30 years. Michael Betten took over the role of Moderator from Mr. Henry Granger, Mr. Granger passed a few weeks ago.

Moderator Betten read the call of the meeting.

The electors of the Town of Bozrah and those entitled to vote at a Town Meeting are hereby warned and notified of a Town Meeting to be held at Fields Memorial School at 8 Bozrah Street Extension on **WEDNESDAY JANUARY 12, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.** The agenda is as follows:

#### **AGENDA**

- 1) To approve the expenditure of **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** funds received in the amount of \$400,000 as approved by the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting on November 22, 2021 (See minutes for detailed breakdown)
- 2) To approve the **Maples Farm Commission** proposal to construct a **24' x 36' outdoor pavilion** at the Maples Farm Homestead 45 Bozrah Street, Bozrah, Connecticut

Dated at Bozrah, Connecticut this 21st day of December 2021 by the:

Board of Selectmen:

Glenn S. Pianka

William E. Ballinger  
Jeremy Tarasevich

Moderator Betten: There's two items on the agenda, we are going to have two discussions and two votes. If you would like to speak, please state your name and your address or the street you live on and raise your hand and I'll be happy to recognize you.

Item 1) To approve the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received in the amount of \$400,000 as approved by the Board of Selectman Special Meeting on November 22, 2021.

Moderator Betten: Would anyone like to start an explanation, Glenn? Anybody?

Selectman Ballinger: I make a motion to approve the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act funds as approved by the Board of Selectman.

Moderator Betten: There's a motion on the floor, do we have a second?

Steve Seder: Bishop Road seconded the motion to approve the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Moderator Betten: Is there anyone who would like to describe it or say anything about it?

First Selectman Pianka: The American Rescue Plan Act is funding meant to enhance communities for various purposes. This is a unique opportunity for the Town of Bozrah to promote some public safety and just general improvement in conditions in town. The parameters to do so are pretty liberal in regards of what they can be used for, I always thought they were. I originally thought they were more a little more restrictive, it turned out not to be that way. At the November 30th Special Meeting of the Board of Selectman, I invited members of the public to come forward to present ideas that they would have in mind. So, the community would have input, so it wasn't a simple decision of a City Council, Town Council or as in our case a Board of Selectman. At that meeting you see the minutes that are listed here, you will see items A through N were presented. It tells you who presented and what they were presented for. We had another Special Board of Selectman meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup> we wrote over those minutes just to make sure we addressed each and every one of those proposals.



You can see which ones have been approved and which ones were not. The reasons for not approval in most cases were some of the proposals could be addressed under other circumstances. One that comes to mind, is minor improvements at the senior center that can normally be taken care of out of our regular operation budget. We decided not to spend monies in that regard. One of the things that this really has done is if you look at all of these, it's public safety and public enhancement. To us many taxpayers' dollars will be saved with these incentives that we would of like to have done anyway. This is an opportunity to have it paid for otherwise. Do you have a copy of the minutes in front of you so you can see how the approval that we are bringing forward tonight. Various subjects we did not close the door on anyone in other words, for example emergency operation center, 30,000 was requested. We did not approve that allotment of money, because we anticipate another round to come. In order not to make things lopsided for one agency or the other in is case it would be the fire department; it would be distribution of funds is what it turns out to be also it was on priority bases. With that I open the floor for questions as far as what we have decided to spend the funds on, are there any?

John Hibbard Caroline Road: I have a question on "G" which is the pavilion at Maple Farms Park, I was under the impression that they already had they had the 40,000 from donations. That's what we were told at a special meeting back in the spring and the town postponed the construction, because of various regulations and so on and so forth. To me money from this rescue plan should go to something more important in the town then a pavilion, so I would like to make an amendment that this be discarded from this motion.

First Selectman Pianka: It would be taxpayers' money, direct taxpayers' money. We did not have 40,000 thousand dollars set aside at the time of the proposal. I do believe we had less than 20 actually. Seventy-five hundred was a direct donation from Bozrah Light and Power. There were several private individuals that said that they would step up to the plate. We had some in-kind services offered by several construction people around town. Could we have pulled it off without this money? I suppose just like anything else in Bozrah we would eventually get it done but this surely would not make it direct taxpayers' money.

John Hibbard Caroline Road: Doesn't Maple Farms Park received money from vendors? They have a kitty with money in it that they don't want to acknowledge

to the public. There are funds in their group somewhere, because they charge these vendors to be at the Farmers Market and where does this money go? It seems to me that every year on the budget we give Maple Farms about 17,000 thousand. If any of this money is used from these vendors, we are never notified of this. It seems that they should have a least 15,000 dollars or the scope of the construction could be cut back. I'm not against the pavilion but to me, this rescue money could be put to better use when there should be funds from Maple Farms Park to do this.

Mary Elizabeth Lang Gifford Lane: I was just asking about the order of business so because approval of the park, is what I'm asking about does this include the proposed structure and we haven't approve the proposed structure yet

Moderator Betten: We have a motion on the floor, and we have a discussion, and then anyone else can make a comment. The motion we would have to have seconded by the individual who make the original motion, that was you, Bill. If you accepted the amendment, then we would have a discussion on the amendment and then vote on the amendment. Depending on that, we would go ahead and have a vote on the motion on the floor.

Selectman Ballinger: It would be an amendment within the motion.

Moderator Betten: Correct and it would have to be dealt with or taken care of if you can get a second on it and it gets approved so that's where you are.

Mary Elizabeth Lang Gifford Lane: I'll second on the amendment

Moderator Betten; We have a second on the amendment on the floor any discussion?

Moderator Betten: We are still on the first discussion now we are just talking about the amendment if Mr. Ballinger agrees with the amendment on the floor any comments?

Selectman Ballinger: Call the question please.

Moderator Betten: So, you agree with the question. So now we are going to have a vote by those ballots on the amendment number one on the agenda. Does everyone understand that?

Moderator Betten: Amendment on section "G" not to use 15,000 of the rescue money towards the pavilion.

Moderator Betten: If you want a voice vote, please raise your hand all in favor of the amendment. Does everyone understand what the amendment is? Only on item G raise your hand. Thank you I had two. All Oppose? Opposition is so fast now we are going to have a discussion on item one the 400,000 as it is written here any questions?

Moderator Betten: Now on the floor we have number one does anyone have any comments?

If not, we are going to vote on number one that's the motion on the floor. You have in front of you grey one ballot, you have two ballots in front of you each one says Yes or No. We are now using the grey Yes for approval no for not approval.

Ballots were counted by Nancy Renshaw and Diana Santo.

Moderator Betten: What I would like to do while we are counting ballots, we will go onto number two on the agenda, and I will stop to announce the vote. Number two on the ballot is the Maple Farms Commission to construct the pavilion.

Moderator Betten: Would anyone like to make a motion to put it on the floor?

Selectman Bill Ballinger: I make a motion to construct a outdoor pavilion at Maple Farms.

Moderator Betten: Do we have a second on the motion?

Steve Seder Bishop Road: I'll second the motion.

Moderator Betten: We are now open for discussion; this is on the approval of the Maple Farms Commission pavilion.

Moderator Betten: Before we go on, I would like to announce the results on item number one on the agenda, the vote is 28 yes 1 no. Number one on the agenda has passed. Now we will continue with number two, question?

All questions asked by residents about the pavilion were answered by First Selectman Pianka.

Mike O'Connor: We are voting to allow the construction of this pavilion on town owned land, correct? We are not really controlling the budget here. The last time this was brought before a town meeting it was voted against because the abutting owner was not in favor of the placement of it unless that has changed, I was interested in the property's owners' prospect on the new location and design.

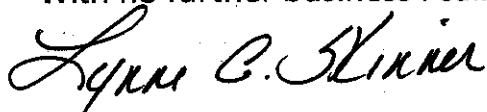
First Selectman Pianka: He was pleased/active in the new process, we invited them to the meeting, and they were absolutely in favor of the new proposal.

Moderator Betten: Any questions? Comments? We will now vote. You should have a green piece of paper

Ballots were counted by Nancy Renshaw and Diana Santo

Moderator Betten: the vote is 27 yes 2 no the vote has passed.

With no further business I call this meeting adjourned.



Lynne A. Skinner  
Bozrah Town Clerk

**Bozrah First Selectman, Glenn Pianka**

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**From:** Bozrah First Selectman, Glenn Pianka  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022 11:39 AM  
**To:** Mike O'Connor; 'bill@ballinger225.com'; selectmanjeremy@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Jim Ericson  
**Subject:** UST and Capital Equipment

Mike, Bill and Jeremy,

We have good news. The UST single bid was opened at 1000 today with Service Station Equipment submitting a \$110,000 combined price for two components of the project that were designed by Jim Ericson. With the town directly purchasing the ConVault at \$68,000 the total replacement cost is now \$180,000 minus \$128,700 of ARPA Grant money previously approved. The contingency items are 1) contaminated soil (if any) at \$128/ton and 2) pump out of the existing tank at \$1.25/gallon. Without the contingencies the Town would need to approve \$49,300, but I would recommend \$60,000 minimum to be sure to not have to revisit the appropriation.

Also, the front line DPW backhoe has a blown motor. About \$6,000 has been spent on repairs and maintenance on it over the last two years. A replacement motor and associated parts will be in the \$20,000 range and will take about 60-120 days (minimum) to obtain. We have an ongoing need for a backhoe so my suggestion is to get a used replacement (\$48-\$60K) now, and eventually fix the current one to replace the extremely tired backhoe that is at the Transfer Station which potentially can be liquidated in the \$8-\$12K range.

This memo is simply a heads-up and will be agenda items for BOS March 15 for recommendation for BOF approval.

Glenn

# SOUTHEASTERN CT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Agreement to Provide Technical Assistance Services to: **TOWN OF BOZRAH**  
**Zoning Enforcement Officer**

The Town of Bozrah, Connecticut, (hereafter referred to as the Town) hereby agrees to retain the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (hereafter referred to as the Council) to provide Zoning Enforcement Officer services to the Town under the terms specified below. The Council hereby agrees to provide to the Town such services under the terms specified below.

1. Period of the Agreement. This agreement shall be effective for the period 21 March 2022 through 30 June 2022. The terms of the agreement may be modified from time-to-time by joint action of the Town and the Council. The agreement may be canceled by either party upon thirty days' written notice. In the event of such cancellation, all materials produced by the Council shall become the property of the Town and shall be delivered to the appropriate Town official. Should the agreement be canceled, the Council shall be entitled to be paid for all services provided to the date of cancellation.
2. Services to be provided. The Council will provide an individual to serve as Zoning Enforcement Officer to the Town.
3. Staffing. It is the intent of the Council to assign to this project John Herring, Consultant to the SCCOG. Should Mr. Herring become incapacitated or no longer be available, he would be replaced by another qualified Zoning Enforcement Officer.
4. Costs, Billing, and Payment. Costs shall be based on the hours actually worked by Mr. Herring, which on average will be 6-8 hours per week. In addition, a direct charge will be billed at the IRS rate (currently \$0.585) per mile for travel on business related to the project including travel to and from Town Hall. The direct hourly salary rate of Mr. Herring shall not exceed \$40.00.

The Council shall maintain time and travel records for personnel working on this project. The Council will bill the Town for services provided on 31 March 2022 and 30 June 2022. In the event the agreement is canceled prior to 30 June 2022, the Council shall at that time submit to the Town a final billing. The Town agrees to pay bills submitted by the Council for work undertaken.

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In witness whereof, the Town and Council have executed this agreement as of 21 March 2022.

Kathleen Strong  
Witness

Susan Verwee  
Witness

Wendy Reclair  
Witness Wendy Reclair

Elizabeth Crutcher  
Witness Elizabeth Crutcher

TOWN OF BOZRAH  
Glen W. Pianka  
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