

TOWN OF BOZRAH
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BOZRAH TOWN HALL
May 17, 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 May 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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

5 Members of the Public

Item 2: Public Comments

No public comment.

Item 3: Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting April 19, 2022

MOTION 1: G. Pianka made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting on April 19, 2022. B. Ballinger seconded the motion. J. Tarasevich abstained.
Vote 2 yes, 1 abstention - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 4: Monthly Reports

a. Fire Marshal - No report

b. Food Bank

Attachment 1

c. Senior Services Coordinator

Attachment 2

d. State Police

Attachment 3

Item 5: Town Employee Policy: Non-Insurance Coverage

Attachment 4

G. Pianka presented the Board with a draft of the Town Employee Policy for Non-Insurance Coverage.

MOTION 2: G. Pianka made a motion to adopt the Town Employee Policy for Non-Insurance Coverage.

J. Tarasevich seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 6: "Nip" Bottle Payment: Discussion on Disposition of Funds

G. Pianka noted they received \$534 from the "Nip" Bottle Payment, they are expecting another payment of \$534 towards the end of the year. G. Pianka noted it was recommended by the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) that the money be distributed towards addressing litter. G. Pianka noted the recent Adopt-A-Road program for cleaning the roadsides has been successful. G. Pianka proposed the "Nip" Bottle Payment funds go towards the Adopt-A-Road program for the purchasing of signs and garbage grabbers. The Board noted their support of the disposition of the funds. G. Pianka noted they will carry this forward to the next meeting to assign the funds in the budget.

Item 7: Sale of Fire Department Equipment: Service 126

G. Pianka read an email from the Fire Chief noting the sale of the Service 126. B. Ballinger noted it is a sale of town equipment and the Board should discuss with the Board of Finance how to move forward.

Item 8: Town Meeting Minutes: April 20, 2022 Draft Review

Attachment 5

G. Pianka noted the minutes do not reflect the Town Meeting as it is missing important information.

Item 9: Replaced Street Signs: Disposition Discussion

G. Pianka noted interest in the old street signs. He proposed they sell them for \$20 a sign, the funds would go into the general fund.

MOTION 3: B. Ballinger made a motion to approve the sale of the old street signs for \$20 to go to the general fund. J. Tarasevich seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 10: Food Pantry Volunteer: Linda Blinn-Smolen Service Letter of Thanks

G. Pianka noted Linda Blinn-Smolen has moved out of town and is no longer volunteering in the food pantry. G. Pianka requested the Board sign a letter of thanks for her service.

Item 11: Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Proposed Budget Revisions

G. Pianka noted the budget can not be cut too much further. G. Pianka noted key items in the budget include the Re-evaluation Services line, the estimated Auditor fees, rising fuel fees and the IT Capital line. B. Ballinger noted he supports no changes in the budget to present to the Board of Finance. J. Tarasevich also noted his support for the presented budget.

MOTION 4: B. Ballinger made a motion to present the budget to the Board of Finance as written. J. Tarasevich seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 12: First Selectman Update

a. Underground Storage Tank (UST)

G. Pianka noted a safety revision needed for the design. G. Pianka noted they could remove the ladder from the design and have a ground level pump for a difference of \$4,000.

b. Parade Committee

G. Pianka noted a lot of support for the parade through volunteers and donations.

c. Speed Monitoring Sign - Lake Road

G. Pianka noted the second speed monitoring sign was placed on Lake Road.

d. Culvert Replacements - Stanton Hill Road

G. Pianka noted 5 culverts will be replaced in June on Stanton Hill Road.

e. Cold-In-Place Roadway Surface Restorations - Cottage Road and Stanton Hill Road

f. Roadside Mowing/Sweeping

G. Pianka noted the roadised sweeping will pause until the culvert replacements are complete.

g. Books, CD, and Videotape Collection Container - Transfer Station

h. Maples Farm Park Pavillion

G. Pianka noted Jack Santo committed to starting the week of May 23rd on pavilion installation.

Item 13: Such Other Business as the Board May Vote to Hear

MOTION 5: G. Pianka made a motion to add Item 13a Schwartz Road Traffic Discussion to the agenda. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION 6: G. Pianka made a motion to add Item 13b Zoning Attorney for Planning and Zoning to the agenda. J. Tarasevich seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous -**MOTION CARRIED**

Item 13a: Schwartz Road Traffic Discussion

Frank Driscoll, 16 Schwartz Road, noted Hillandale Farm truck, Blue Hill truck and employee traffic. He noted neighbors' complaints of the amount and the speed of the traffic. F. Driscoll suggested they close the southern road entrance. F. Driscoll noted he has spoken to Hillandale on suggestions to reduce speed and is now turning to the town.

G. Pianka noted the closure of one end of the road is likely not possible for public safety. G. Pianka suggested they put up signs noting "Residential Area" on each end of the road as well as a speed monitoring sign.

Item 13b: Zoning Attorney for Planning and Zoning

G. Pianka noted the Planning and Zoning Commission is looking to hire a special attorney to handle the legal issues with Bashon Hill Farms. B. Ballinger noted his agreement to hire a special attorney.

Item 14: Public Comments

Evelyn Brown, Fitchville Road, commented on the ARPA Funds.

Raymond Barber, Goshen Road, commented his support in hiring a special attorney for Planning and Zoning and Schwartz Road traffic.

Frank Driscoll, Schwartz Road, commented on Schwartz Road traffic and G. Pianka's comments on zone changes.

Anna Grobensky, Schwartz Road, commented on Schwartz Road traffic and granted permission for the speed monitoring sign to be placed in front of her property.

Item 15: Adjourn

MOTION 7: G. Pianka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. J. Tarasevich seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted for the Board,

Heather Provost
Recording Secretary

Bozrah Food Pantry April 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 by 6:00 PM is working well. The BFP provided Easter dinners for two families of BFP participants. Dinners included a ham with all the fixings and home baked Easter cookies from Carol Dziengiel.

Food Requests:

The BFP had seven weekly food requests from families for pickups prepared and given out. Each pickup is about one week's worth of food for each person. (9 adults 2 children)

Donations:

Carol Dziengiel, David Brennan, Molly Lathrop, Janet Cozenza, Dorothy Lathrop and several anonymous Bozrah residents dropped food items and donations off at the Town Hall.

BFP Financials:

Purchases with debit card:

- No purchases

Purchases with gift cards:

- Shoprite gift card beginning balance \$118.55
- \$48.37 (supplies, condiments)
- Ending balance \$70.18

- Stop& Shop gift card beginning balance \$210.71
- \$25 gift card from Dorothy Lathrop
- \$25 gift card from Janet Cosenza
- \$41.66 (Ham, fixings)
- \$51.72 (meat, snacks, juice)
- \$11.56 (bread)
- Ending balance \$155.77

Sincerely,

Tom Ververis (BFP Coordinator)

Molly Lathrop (BFP Coordinator)

(May 4 2022)

APRIL 2022 SENIOR REPORT

-The TVCCA café lunch program is still being served each Friday. Coffee and snacks are also served in the morning when they arrive.

-We were very happy to welcome several new members this month. Our weekly attendance is around 16. We played Left, Right, Center, Bingo, and had a speaker come in to discuss eye health. At the end of the month we took a trip to Waterford for a Health & Technology Expo. Several seniors got chair massages, blood pressure checks, and many free goodies to take home. We then went as a group for lunch.

-As Municipal Agent I continue to receive several phone calls weekly, looking for help and/or information. I signed up two new people for medical ride transportation.

-The Senior account balance is \$1981.65

-Pamela Contino
Director/Municipal Agent



State of Connecticut



Connecticut State Police Troop K - Colchester

Commanding Officer
Lieutenant Adam Rosenberg #045

Executive Officer
Sergeant Kyle Cormier #156

Date: 04/06/2022

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 **March 2022** the Troop K Troopers responded to 91 Calls for Service in the Town of Bozrah. Of these Calls for Service the most notable are:

Accidents:	5
Burglaries:	0
Larcenies:	1
Other Criminal:	4
Other Non-Criminal:	4
Non Reportable Matters:	61
Other Noteworthy Events (List):	N/A.

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

On-Sight DWI:	1
Traffic Citations:	4
Written Warnings:	12

Sincerely,

Lt. Adam Rosenberg #045

Lieutenant Adam Rosenberg #045
Commanding Officer
Troop "K" Colchester, CT

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TOWN EMPLOYEE POLICY: NON-INSURANCE COVERAGE

The Town of Bozrah offers comprehensive medical/health, dental and vision insurance coverage for its' employees. The Town of Bozrah offers access to this benefit upon employment. The rate of contribution by the employee is 10% of the actual cost of the policy coverage selected.

Occasionally that employee has access to such coverage through other domestic partnerships. Should the employee opt-out of this benefit they are entitled to receive what would have been their 10% contribution as compensation. Employee is required to provide proof of other insurance before being eligible for this payment. This payment will be calculated and paid at the end of each fiscal year (June 30th) unless that employee terminates employment, in which case the amount earned will be pro-rated.

A declaration of which coverage: Employee, Employee Plus Dependent or Employee Plus Family must be declared with the Accounting Administrator. An employee cannot change the declaration of coverage prior to opting out of the Town's insurance in order to obtain a higher opt out. Earned compensation for this benefit will be reported annually to IRS via W-2 or 1099 as recommended by Standardized Accounting Practice.

This policy will become effective upon ratification by the Board of Selectmen and can be changed or modified with notice.

First Selectman Glenn Pianka called to order a Town Meeting at Fields Memorial School 8 Bozrah Street Ext. at 7:03 pm. Selectman Bill Ballinger Lake Road made a motion for Michael Betten to act as Moderator. Nancy Renshaw Bashon Hill Road seconded the motion. All in favor.

Moderator Michael Betten read the call of the Town Meeting and will read the call of the Public Hearing after the Town Meeting.

Discussion: First Selectman Glenn Pianka gave a summary of the need to purchase to purchase the 2007 Caterpillar Backhoe. All questions were answered by First Selectman Glenn Pianka and Mike O'Connor, Chair of the Board of Finance.

Vote was taken by the show of hands. Results: 24 Yes 1 No

Nancy Taylor Salem Tpke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Nancy Renshaw of Bashon Hill Road seconded. Motion carried

Moderator Mike Betten thanked everyone for coming out this evening. Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

Lynne A. Skinner CCTC

Bozrah Town Clerk

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May 10, 2022 .

Linda Blinn-Smolen
344 Bozrah Street
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Dear Linda,

On behalf of the Town of Bozrah we wish to thank you for taking the volunteer time to serve the Bozrah community at the Food Pantry over the past two years. The many hours of weekly and holiday food preparation that you and Wally provided for Bozrah residents helped many in need during the COVID pandemic.


We wish you the best in your new home. Bozrah will miss you both!!

Sincerely,


Glenn Pianka-First Selectman

William Ballinger-Selectman

Jeremy Tarasevich-Selectman


Thomas Ververis-Bozrah Food Pantry Coordinator