

**TOWN OF BOZRAH**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**BOZRAH TOWN HALL**  
May 30, 2023

**Item 1:** Chairman Mike O'Connor called the Special Meeting of the Bozrah Board of Finance(BOF) to order at the Bozrah Town Hall on May 30, 2023 at 7:00p.m.

**Members Present:** Chairman Mike O'Connor, Michel Leask, Raymond Barber, Steve Seder, Phil Lavallee, Evan Gilman

**Others Present:**First Selectman Glenn Pianka, Selectman Bill Balinger, Treasurer Diana Santo, Tax Collector Nancy Renshaw and 6 members of the public.

**Item 2:** Public Comment

Glenn Pianka commented his disappointment with the budget process noting the items cut from the Board of Selectmen budget have long term impacts.

Ev Brown, Fitchville Road, commented on the Board of Education grants and the positions they are hiring.

Michel Leask commented that the Board of Education is able to make budget transfers without consulting the Board of Finance.

**Item 3:**Establish Mil Rate for FY 2023-2024

M. O'Connor presented the Board with the 2023-2024 Bozrah Budget Spreadsheet, showing the impact of a mil rate of 22.5 with 1% increases and .5 mil increases in future years as well as 1% increases and .75 mil increases in future years. The spreadsheet also displays the impact of a mil rate of 22.75 with 1% increases in future years. M. O'Connor explained the spreadsheets do not account for excess funds, grants, emergencies, etc.

M. Leask noted they should start with a mil rate of 22.5 for FY 2023-2024, noting they can make the mil rate higher in future years as needed. M. Leask noted her frustration with an extra \$100,000 in the Board of Education budget that might not be necessary.

P. Lavallee noted his support of a mil rate of 22.5 for FY 2023-2024, noting taxpayers already will see an increase in their taxes.

E. Gilman questioned if any new businesses were expected and what their impact would be on future budget years. G. Pianka noted the MidCity Steel building will bring new tax revenue as well as the data center if accepted.

R. Barber noted a mil rate of 22.5 would still cause the homeowners to pay more in taxes than last year.

S. Seder noted his concern on the infrastructure of the town with the budget cuts from the Board of Selectmen. S. Seder also questioned the impact of a mil rate of 23.

Nancy Renshaw, Tax Collector, noted a mil rate of 22.5 is a good to be for taxpayers.

**MOTION 1:** E. Gilman made a motion to set the FY 2023-2024 mil rate to 22.5. M. Leask seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 4:** Public Comments

No public comments.

**Item 5:** Adjourn

**MOTION 5:** R. Barber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. P. Lavallee seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

Heather Provost  
Recording Secretary