

**TOWN OF BOZRAH
TOWN HALL
1 RIVER ROAD
BOZRAH, CONNECTICUT 06334**

The **Bozrah Board of Selectmen** held a **SPECIAL MEETING** on **Monday November 7,2022** at **1:00 PM** in the Meeting Room of the Bozrah Town Hall, 1 River Road, Bozrah, Connecticut

MINUTES

- 1) **Call to Order/ Attendance:** Full Board of Selectmen, five members of the public

- 2) **Public Comment(s):**
John Onsager 9 Bozrah Street Extension: the Board of Selectmen should seriously consider viewing a full set of plans to be presented to Planning and Zoning prior to signing any host agreement

- 3) **To Select a Town Meeting date for review of the finalized version of the Qualified Data Center Host Municipality Fee Agreement which is dated October 18, 2022:**
First Selectman Pianka explained that due to vacations, impending holidays and the need to have key persons in attendance for a Town Meeting that the proposed date of January 4,2023 be considered.
MOTION: Ballinger/**SECONDED:** Tarasevich to have a Town Meeting on January 4,2023 at 7PM at Fields Memorial School
PASSED: UNANIMOUS
The proposed Town Meeting agenda (Draft) is **Attachment #1**

- 4) **To formulate Referendum question language regarding agenda item #3 for submission to the Town Clerk for ballot preparation:**
Draft Referendum question (**Attachment #2**) was submitted for discussion along with a copy of CGS 9-369c (**Attachment #3**) regarding Referenda and absentee balloting.

MOTION: Ballinger/**SECONDED:** Tarasevich to have Attachments #1 and #2 submitted to the Town Attorney for review and compliance. Additionally, to inquire if the First Selectman needs to be spelled out as the authorized signatory.
PASSED-UNANIMOUS.
FS Pianka to submit items to the Town Attorney.

- 5) **Public Comment(s):**
Raymond Barber 25 Goshen Road-Do we think that another town meeting is necessary to vote on the matter at hand?

Bev Onsager 9 Bozrah Street Extension what is the expected time frame for the referendum and will absentee balloting be allowed?

Linda Blais 150 Bishop Road- Becoming involved with persons of dubious intentions should be of concern i.e.the recent Mystic Oral School issue

6) **Adjourn:**

MOTION: Ballinger/**SECONDED:** Tarasevich 1:16PM

PASSED-UNANIMOUS

Respectfully Submitted for The Board,
Glenn S. Pianka

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TOWN 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 November 2, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. The agenda is as follows:

AGENDA

- 1) Approve corrected Town Meeting minutes of April 20, 2022
- 2) Approve Town Meeting minutes of July 20, 2022
- 3) Approve Town Meeting minutes of September 14, 2022
- 4) To discuss the finalized version of the **Qualified Data Center Host Municipality Fee Agreement** dated October 18, 2022
- 5) Adjourn this Town Meeting to Referendum for voting on Agenda Item #4

Dated at Bozrah, Connecticut this 26th Day of October, 2022:

Board of Selectmen:
Glenn S. Pianka
William E. Ballinger
Jeremy Tarasevich

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#2

REFERENDUM QUESTION

Shall the Town of Bozrah, through its duly elected Board of Selectmen, enter into the **Qualified Data Center Host Municipality Agreement** as proposed by NE Edge LLC in the finalized version dated October 18, 2022 ?

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_____ YES

_____ NO

-PLEASE MARK YOUR RESPONSE CLEARLY-

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Sec. 9-369c. Absentee ballots for referendum voting. (a) Whenever a referendum, as defined in subdivision (2) or (3) of subsection (n) of section 9-1, is to be held on any question or proposal, the question or proposal shall be submitted to the municipal clerk in the form in which it will appear on the ballot at least three weeks prior to the date on which the referendum is to be held, and the municipal clerk shall make absentee ballots available for use at the referendum in accordance with the provisions of this section, provided, if any other provision of the general statutes, a special act, a charter provision or an ordinance specifically authorizes a referendum to be held with less than three weeks' notice, absentee ballots shall be made available for each such referendum within four business days after the question or questions which are to be voted on at the referendum are finalized.

Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes to the contrary, a municipal clerk may only provide an absentee ballot for such referendum held with less than three weeks' notice to a person who applies in person at the office of the municipal clerk for an absentee ballot (1) for himself or (2) for a prospective applicant who designates such person for such purpose. The designee may be a licensed physician, registered or practical nurse or any other person who is caring for the applicant because of the applicant's illness, a member of the applicant's family or a police officer, registrar of voters or deputy registrar of voters in the municipality in which the applicant resides. The designee may also return the ballot in person to the municipal clerk not later than the close of the polls.

(b) At any such referendum, any person who would be eligible to vote on the question or proposal if he appeared in person and is unable to appear in person for one or more of the reasons set forth in section 9-135, may cast his vote by absentee ballot, in accordance with the requirements of this section.

(c) Upon receipt of the written form of the question or proposal to be voted on at any such referendum, the municipal clerk shall immediately prepare and print absentee ballots for the referendum. The phrasing of the question or proposal on the absentee ballots shall be identical to the phrasing on the ballot to be used for voting in person at the referendum. Prior to printing the ballots, the registrars of voters of the municipality may provide comments concerning the content and form of such ballots to the clerk.

(d) Upon notification by the municipal clerk that such a referendum will be held, the Secretary of the State shall furnish to such clerk the forms and materials described in section 9-139a in the amount requested by the clerk.

(e) Any person who is eligible to vote by absentee ballot as provided in this section may apply in person or by mail to the municipal clerk for an absentee ballot. Application shall be made on a form furnished by the Secretary of the State, as provided in subsection (d) of this section. Upon receipt of an application or upon the nineteenth day before the date of the referendum, whichever is later, the municipal clerk shall give to the applicant or mail, as the case may be, the absentee ballot and the envelopes furnished by the Secretary of the State. No absentee ballot shall be issued after the opening of the polls at the referendum, except as provided in section 9-150c.

(f) The procedures for issuing, returning, casting and counting absentee ballots, declaring the count and packaging the ballots at elections, shall apply, as nearly as may be, to absentee ballots at referenda.

REFERENDUM REQUIREMENTS