



TWIB NOTES

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Town Website

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First Selectman's Corner

This week has produced some lively discussion regarding **tree trimming and cutting along Haughton Road and Bozrah Street (Rte. 163)**. Most of the discussion has been found on social media, namely Facebook: Bozrah Community Forum and Bozrah Residential Community. Per request, I responded as follows: “there have been many years of neglect in tree trimming which resulted in numerous power outages and safety related issues which has become a forefront issue for towns and the State. What is happening in Bozrah is the State’s program. It is shocking to see such rapid change with the new machinery that is being used. That’s part of the perception of “destruction” as some have called this activity. It’s not only power line issues, but Emerald Ash borer issues, overhanging limb issues, and in the case of the house on the entrance ramp to Route 2, a couple of trees there had fallen and caused damages previously. Lawyers and our general litigious society have made anyone in any official capacity to be cautious to the extent of sometimes being overly so. In Bozrah, I have recently appointed a Tree Warden who will put a posting on each tree that the Town intends to trim or cut down and there will be some lead time to ask questions like.....”why?”. It’s a fine balance of emotion, amenity, practicality, safety and liability that are all components of daily decision-making that is NOT just limited to tree cutting. Nobody that I know goes forward intending to anger people, but it has been my experience in over 40 years of public service that there is a distinct 50/50 please rate on ANY issue. I do feel for those who feel on the victimized side of this one”.

There is a part-time opening for a **Transfer Station Attendant**. Contact Firstselectman@Bozrahct.org to obtain a job description and application.

EARTH DAY is on April 22, but it can be all year round. This is a designated day to acknowledge our precious environment and to do a positive act in continuing good stewardship. Consider a clean-up in your area or consider enrolling in our **Adopt-A-Road Program** or other “green” activity. Send us some pictures and let us know what you did so that we can “toot your horn”.

FIELDS MEMORIAL SCHOOL PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Fields Memorial School will hold a preschool screening on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 for Bozrah residents who are between the ages of 2 years, 11 months and 4 years old. If you have a child in this age range, please call Mrs. Rondeau at (860)887-2561 or email krondeau@bozrah.org to schedule an appointment for your child. Screening appointments will be scheduled beginning at 8:45 a.m. Children who are currently attending the FMS preschool do not need to be screened.

RENTERS REBATE PROGRAM: The application period for the Renters Rebate program begins April 1st and ends October 1st. The income limit, including Social Security, is \$38,100 for single and \$46,400 for married. You must bring your 2021 proof of income, rent and utility information to the Assessor’s office, which is open Tuesday through Thursday. Rebate checks will be issued in October of 2022. For any questions please call (860) 889-2689 ext. 205.

TOWN MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING

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, 8 Bozrah Street Extension, Bozrah, Connecticut on Monday April 11, 2022 at 7 P.M.** The agenda is as follows:

Notice of Town Meeting

- 1) To approve the recommendation of the Bozrah Board of Selectmen and Bozrah Board of Finance for the purchase of a 2007 Caterpillar Backhoe Model 430E-IT from Thompson Tractor, LLC of 15 Route 171, Woodstock, Connecticut 06281 with 2500 hours for the price of \$53,000 to replace the current front line DPW backhoe.

- 2) To close this Town Meeting to:

Notice of Public Hearing

The **Bozrah Board of Finance** will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** on **Monday April 11, 2022 at 7 P.M.** at **Fields Memorial School at 8 Bozrah Street Extension** in the Town of Bozrah. The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments on the proposed **Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Town of Bozrah General Government, Capital and Education Budgets**. Residents and taxpayers shall have the opportunity to provide written and/or verbal comments on the Boards' proposals. Copies of the proposed budgets are available in the Town Hall during normal business hours.

Board of Selectman: Glenn Pianka, William Ballinger, Jeremy Tarasevich
 Board of Finance-Chairman: Michael O'Connor

DINING FOR A CAUSE
American Cancer Society Relay for Life
FISH & CHIPS DINNER



Friday, April 15, 2022, 5-7 PM
Bozrah Moose Lodge
 Dine In or Take Out
 \$15.00 a ticket -- **PRE SALE ONLY**
Basket Bash, Luminary Bags, Cash Bar
 * *Drawing at 7:30-Do not need to be present**
 For tickets contact 860-886-2172 in evenings

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME AND PLACE</u>
Maples Farm Commission	Wednesday, April 6, 2022	5:30 p.m. Maples Farm Homestead
Inland Wetland	Thursday, April 7, 2022	7:00 p.m. Bozrah Town Hall Meeting Room
BOF Public Hearing / BOS Town Mtg	Monday, April 11, 2022	7:00 p.m. Fields Memorial School
BOF FY 2022-2023 Budget Workshop	Monday, April 25, 2022	7:00 p.m. Bozrah Town Hall Meeting Room
HAVE A GOOD WEEK		GLENN PIANKA