



TWIB NOTES

Goodbye January
Hello February

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Town Website

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FIRST SELECTMAN'S CORNER

First off, I want to **thank our town folk** 😊😊 for not creating plowing hazards onto the public roadways even with the inordinate amount of clearing and cleaning that had to be done. The DPW and I worked 22.5 hours on Saturday and another 7 hours on Sunday to address the “gifts” from nature. Weekend storms such as that one present less challenge due to reduced work and school-related travel.

Dr. Michael Betten is anticipating stepping down from his long service as a **Board of Directors** member for the **Uncas Health District**. Anyone interested in serving in that capacity is encouraged to contact the Town Hall.

COVID-19 Test Kits and N95 Masks are available to Town residents by contacting Town Hall.

There is a **VACANCY** on the **BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS**.

I have begun to formulate a **Adopt-A-Road Program** in concert with **Zack Denovellis of South Road** who has promoted two recent town-wide roadside trash cleanup efforts. Road signs with **business or family sponsor names** will be installed around town in the near future/. A sponsorship would be a commitment to periodically monitor and pick up roadside trash or other debris for one year (renewable annually) on the road of your choice. DPW would be available to pick up accumulated trash bags once notified. Other incentive ideas, especially for non-profit/youth groups are being formulated. More information will be forthcoming. Anyone interested in being involved with the organizational effort can contact either one of us.

The **Memorial Day Parade** is anticipated to occur on **Saturday, May 28** after a two-year hiatus. We need to return to normal as much as possible, and this outdoor activity is certainly worth looking forward to. Several groups have already committed to assembling floats or other entries for the display. Organizational meeting dates and times will be announced.

The new and improved **Town of Bozrah Website** is a step closer to becoming reality. The concept of what we will have started many years ago, but budgetary funding hampered full investment. **ARPA Funding** has made this project, led by Selectman Tarasevich, finally move forward.

FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC AT FIELDS MEMORIAL SCHOOL

There will be a free, walk-up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at **Fields Memorial School**, Bozrah, Connecticut from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Friday, February 25, 2022, specifically for children ages 5-12 in our community.

No appointment necessary! The Connecticut Department of Public Health and local providers are bringing the DPH Vaccination Vans to our town to make the COVID-19 vaccine more accessible to our community, so be on the lookout for the yellow SUV when you arrive.

Thank you for helping to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community.
Dr. Portia S. Bonner

THE BOZRAH FOOD PANTRY is available for Bozrah residents. Food request forms are at Town Hall and must be filled out by Wednesday each week for pick-up on Thursdays from 3 p.m to 6 p.m. Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off at Town Hall during regular business hours or by contacting Tom Verweris (860)334-7745 or Linda Blinn-Smolten (860) 334-4446.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR SENIORS, VETERANS AND DISABLED STATE OF CONNECTICUT HOMEOWNERS

Any taxpayer who is 65 years old by the end of the 2021 calendar year or Totally Disabled, owns and occupies a home in Bozrah and meets certain income guidelines may be eligible for tax relief benefits under the State of Connecticut Homeowners' Tax Relief Program. Depending upon their income, qualified applicants can receive 10% to 50% off their tax bills. The benefit received is reimbursed by the State of Connecticut to the Town. The income limits for this year are \$38,100 for singles and \$46,400 for married. Income includes all income (adjusted gross, including rental income, plus Social Security and any other income). You must present proof of income and file between February 1st and May 14th. To continue the program a bi-annual filing must be made.

A veteran is a person who has served in the armed forces. To be eligible for this exemption a veteran must have served during an active period of war for at least 90 days (unless the war, campaign or operation lasted less than 90 days), received an honorable discharge, and has filed his/her discharge (DD214) with the Town Clerk prior to October 1st. If you are entitled to a disability pension as determined by the VA, whether you served in an active period of war or not, you are eligible for a disabled veteran's exemption. You must file your VA disability rating (Form 20-5455) with the Assessor.

**TOWN OF BOZRAH PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
TOWN HALL, 1 RIVER ROAD, BOZRAH, CONNECTICUT 06334**

Notice of Public Hearing

The Bozrah Planning & Zoning Commission will hold four (4) public hearings Thursday, February 10, 2022, 7:00PM, at the Bozrah Town Hall, 1 River Road, Bozrah, CT.

- (1) Bozrah Planning & Zoning Commission: Opt out of a provision of Public Act 21-29 affecting the Commission's authority to impose parking requirements on certain residential dwellings;
- (2) Bozrah Planning & Zoning Commission: Opt out of a provision of Public Act 21-29 allowing as-of-right accessory dwelling units on lots with single-family homes.
- (3) Bozrah Planning & Zoning Commission: Regulation amendments, New Section 9.1.7, allowing "Cultivator" and "Micro-cultivator" Cannabis Establishments in the I-80 and I-30 zoning districts; Amend Section 10.20, clarifying that Cannabis Establishments other than Cultivators and Micro-cultivators are prohibited.
- (4) Bozrah Planning & Zoning Commission: Regulation amendments, Amend Section 11.7. requiring annual renewal of excavation permits; Amend Section 11.7.11 affecting bonding requirements of excavations.

At these hearings interested persons may appear and be heard and written correspondence received. A copy of the application is on file and available for review in the Town Clerk's office in the Bozrah Town Hall.

FOR THE COMMISSION

Stephen Seder, Chairman **860-774-1253**

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME AND PLACE</u>
IWCC, P&Z LAND USE SUBCOMM	WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9, 2022	6:00 p.m. ZOOM
P&Z	THURSDAY, FEB. 10, 2022	7:00 p.m. TOWN HALL
BOS	TUESDAY, FEB. 15, 2022	7:00 p.m. TOWN HALL
HAVE A GOOD WEEK		GLENN PIANKA