

TOWN OF BOZRAH
PUBLIC HEARING
Fields Memorial School
May 28, 2019

Chairman of the Board of Finance Mike O'Connor called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Michael O'Connor, Michel Leask, Raymond Barber, Evan Gilman, Ann Chambers, Phil Lavallee

Others Present: 20 townspeople in the audience

1. Chairman Mike O'Connor introduced the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education to present their budgets. He noted the townspeople would be able to comment and ask questions after the presentation of each budget.
2. First Selectman, Glenn Pianka, presented the Board of Selectmen's budget. G. Pianka highlighted specific items:
 - a. Page 1, line item 100 Board of Selectmen –
 - i. 3% raise to all to all Town Hall employees including the First Selectman
 - ii. First Selectman salary to be raised to \$60,000 January 1, 2020 following the election
 - iii. Clerk (file purging) increased due to record retention
 - b. Page 5, line item 116 Planning and Zoning –
 - i. ZEO to resign in June - may need to increase salary more than 3% in the future
 - ii. SECCOG Planner line raised \$1,000
 - c. Page 9, line item 137 Transfer Station –
 - i. SCRRA/Safety Kleen increased due to a rise in hazardous waste material
 - d. Page 9, line item 147 Welfare –
 - i. Increase due to evictions and the town's duty to cover those evicted
 - e. Page 10, line item 152 Recreation Commission -
 - i. Summer Program increased due to extended hours
 - f. Page 11, line item 196 Paychex -
 - i. Decreased because Employee Handbook is completed
 - g. Page 12, line item 190 General Government Capital Projects –
 - i. Fire Dept. Capital Equipment decreased due to the initial set up for the per-diem Fire Fighter/EMTs being complete
 - ii. Repairs to the Senior Center increased for renovations on the bathrooms

- iii. Sewer Project /EIE increase for work on route 87
 - iv. Money budgeted for a DPW Pole Barn needed to cover the town's equipment
3. Board of Education chair, Jeanne Goulart, presented the Board of Education's budget. The Board of Education provided a packet with the administration in the school as well as student counts for each class. The packet also had a pie chart representing the proposed budget allocations per program. 46% of the budget is for Fields Memorial School, 20% is for special education, 14% is for high school and 10% is for transportation and administration. J. Goulart noted 84% of the budget is mandated and contractual.
4. Comments:
- a. John Hibbard, Caroline Road Bozrah, commented on the first selectman salary to be raised to \$60,000 following the election. J. Hibbard noted other town hall employees should receive a higher wage as well.
 - b. Ev Brown, Fitchville Road Bozrah, noted she supports both budgets as presented.

M. O'Connor closed the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted for the Board,

Heather Barber
Recording Secretary