

**TOWN OF BOZRAH**  
**TOWN MEETING**  
**FIELDS MEMORIAL SCHOOL**  
**October 26, 2016**

First Selectman Glenn Pianka called to order a Town Meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> day October 2016 at Fields Memorial School, with 30 people in attendance.

Motion was made by Ray Barber and seconded by Elliot Gelligof for Mike Betten to act as Moderator. Motion carried.

Call of the meeting was read by Moderator Mike Betten;

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 October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. The agenda is as follows:

1) To approve Board of Finance appropriation of \$50,000 to purchase two used International Dump Trucks / Plow Trucks from the Town of Colchester to replace two aged similar vehicles currently used by Town of Bozrah Public Works.

2) Shall the Town of Bozrah accept a \$500,000 Small Town Economic Assistance (STEAP) grant from the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) for the Design of a Bid-Ready Wastewater Collection System for Stockhouse Road and the Village District. This grant will NOT require any match of Town money and NOT impose any time line or requirement of the Town to actually install the system.

Dated at Bozrah, Connecticut this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2016:

Board of Selectman

Glenn S. Pianka

William E. Ballinger

Carl Zorn

Motion was made by Ray Barber and seconded by John Lewtiz to discuss and vote on item 1 on the agenda. Motion carried.

Item 1 Discussion:

Elliot Gelligof; Blue Hill Road: What will be done with the current trucks?

Glenn Pianka: The current trucks will be liquefied.

Jack Santo; South Road: What equipment will the new trucks have/ general information on the trucks?

Glenn Pianka: The trucks are from 1999, are in good condition and were kept up well. There are two available and the price for the trucks will not exceed \$50,000 but they may be able to buy them for \$44,000. George Johnson, the DPW and himself looked at the trucks; there are pictures available for everyone to look at. The trucks are outfitted completely with plows and sanders. The trucks predate newer problematic systems.

John Onsanger; Bozrah Street Extension: What is happening with the truck that was refurbished? Was it wise to refurbish the truck? Will the new trucks need work?

Glenn Pianka: That will be used as the reserve truck. It was wise to refurbish the truck. There is no work needed for the new trucks.

Seymour Adelman; Bozrah Street: What is the brand of the trucks?

Glenn Pianka: The trucks are International.

Jack Santo; South Road: What kind of sander is on the trucks?

Glenn Pianka: They are equipped with slide in sanders.

Board of Finance chair Mike O'Connor; Hickory Lane: explained the budget is a half mil higher than last year. With the purchase of the trucks for \$50,000 the fund balance will be \$490,000 or 6.2% of the budget. This will eliminate the need to purchase trucks in the future and this is a good opportunity for the town.

Vote was taken by hand: All in favor of purchasing the trucks, voted unanimously. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Ray Barber and seconded by Deb Smith to discuss item 2 on the agenda. Motion carried.

Board of Selectmen member, Bill Ballinger introduced item 2 of the agenda: The maximum grant that Bozrah could receive is \$500,000. We have applied for the STEAP grant for the past four years but have not been chosen to receive it. This year the town was awarded the STEAP grant. If accepted the project isn't guaranteed to happen all they need to see are the plans for the project. Jim Ericson of Lenard Engineering is here to answer questions as well.

Item 2 Discussion:

Steve Seder; Bishop Road: Why would we need a septic system?

Bill Ballinger: In the Fitchille Village area (River Road) they are part of an intramural septic system that is old and has issues. This would allow people to tie into a municipal system. Can pick up UPS, the school or campground in a concentrated area.

Elliot Gelligof; Blue Hill Road: Would we be joining Norwich? Norwich would have control of the rates?

Jim Ericson: The City of Norwich is looking for participating towns to tie into their system to reserve capacity into the plant that they plan on upgrading. Franklin is buying capacity into the plant with a grant. The rate will be fixed and subject to review on an annual basis.

Paula Gelligof; Blue Hill Road: Norwich Public Utilities wants this ready to go and that's why we are accepting this grant? I can't believe the state will give \$500,000 and allow it to sit for 12 years. Norwich Public Utilities is looking for small towns to join them. If we are taking this money then we are opening up a door to let somebody in Hartford come in and say you shall.

Jim Ericson: By accepting this grant money we will be able to determine the exact costs of each section enabling us to be in a better position to decide a better plan of what can be afforded.

John Onsanger; Bozrah Street Extension: Does this commit us to Norwich Public Utilities?

Bill Ballinger: Yes, but it doesn't commit us until we decide to go that way. We would hook into Franklin who would hook into Norwich Public Utilities

John Onsanger: Norwich Public Utilities is not a cost effective provider, weary of any commitment or extension to them. It is my understanding that if they run a line in front of your house then you will have to pay for it even if you don't hook into it.

Jim Ericson: Not if Bozrah receives enough grant money. This will be decided later.

John Onsanger: The rest of the town has the possibility of having their rate for putting in a septic system increased?

Jim Ericson: The grant will allow us to make better decisions of costs later through planning.

Bill Ballinger: We have looked at many options and the only economical one is Norwich Public Utilities. We are only discussing the grant, not putting in septic systems yet.

Henry Reinhart; Scott Hill Road: I think we should do the study, understand the numbers and get an idea of the cost.

Ev Brown, Fitchville Road: Will the plan be done in phases?

Jim Ericson: It will be done in phases, not one big package. It is broken down into sections, for example by road.

Andrea Adelman; Bozrah Street: We are only looking into the one option of connecting to Franklin connecting to Norwich?

Bill Ballinger: It is the only practical, economical and sustainable option.

John Lewitz; Bozrah Street: Grant money is free money and it will get passed on to someone else if we don't take it. Stockhouse Road will bring industry. We will get to come back and vote on the specifics.

Carl Zorn; Fawn Place: The Norwich Industrial park was empty for years. If we hook up the system we have to put a Water Pollution Control Authority. We would be paying WPCA on a long term contract not just Norwich. This will plan for the future.

Mike O'Connor; Hickory Lane: This is a piece that the town will be responsible for at some point. You have to do the engineering study at some point and we would have the funds to do so. To do the next part with Franklin we need the plan in place. The state can come in a few years and say that we have to put sewers in no matter what funds we have, and then we will have to pay to have the engineering plans done as well. STEAP grants have been given to other towns to fund projects and it is now coming to Bozrah.

Jack Santo; South Road: Have you given any consideration to pretreatment plant?

Bill Ballinger: We have looked into it and the issue is that it has to be drained somewhere and Yantic River does not have enough flow. The engineer wouldn't allow for pretreatment to be drained into anywhere in Bozrah.

Jack Santo: Did your firm do a study on how many gallons we would actually produce? Are you looking to cover the whole town in the design?

Bill Ballinger: Were estimating 200,000 gallons a day.

Jim Ericson: We are looking to include the whole town for the design, not just the two areas of Stockhouse and the Fitchville village area.

Elliot Gelligof: (To Jim Ericson) Is your company being paid by the grant?

Bill Ballinger: We would open a separate account in town.

Jim Ericson: We would be paid by each phase. Once a phase is completed then we would get paid for that phase. It won't run over \$500,000 and it is Lenard Engineering's responsibility if it goes over that.

John Onsanger: The preliminary items were done before? Will we pay to have them done again?

Bill Ballinger: We would do it over.

Jim Ericson: The preliminary will be done in two phases.

Jack Santo: How much pipe will there be?

Bill Ballinger: There will be 3 miles of pipe.

Paula Gelligof: Who paid Lenard Engineering? What is the bonding limit for the town?

Bill Ballinger: Lenard Engineering has not been paid yet. The bonding limit for the town is 14 million outstanding debt.

Motion was made by Barbara MacFayden and seconded by Jon Lewitz to move the question and vote on the item. Motion carried.

Vote was taken by hand. 25 for and 2 against. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Heather Barber  
Recording Secretary