

**TOWN OF BOZRAH  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
BOZRAH TOWN HALL  
November 22, 2016**

**Item 1:** First Selectman Glenn Pianka called a Regular Meeting of the Bozrah Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at the Town Hall on November 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** First Selectman Glenn Pianka and Second Selectman Bill Ballinger

**Members Absent:** Selectman Carl Zorn

**Item 2:** Public Comments(s)

June Graham, Caroline Road, commented on Caroline Road.

**Item 3:** Approve minutes of the Bozrah Board of Selectmen meeting of October 18, 2016

**MOTION 1:** B. Ballinger made a motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Selectman meeting of October 18, 2016. G. Pianka seconded the motion.  
Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 4:** Commission Appointments/Zoning Board of Appeals:

Maria “Ree” Ceil to fill unexpired term of Thomas Ververis 11/20/12-11/22/17

Thomas Ververis to fill alternate position vacated by Chad Renshaw 11/22/16-11/16/21

Mark Bennet renewed Alternate 11/22/16-11/22/21

**MOTION 2:** B. Ballinger made a motion to approve all the appointments as presented. G. Pianka seconded the motion.  
Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 5:** Senior Center Monthly Report

**Item 6:** State Police Monthly Report

G. Pianka commented on the “non-reportable matters” category of the State Police Report. This category will be clarified.

**Item 7:** Municipal Agent for the Elderly Monthly Report

G. Pianka noted that superintendent Dr. Paul Gagliarducci reported that the median age of Bozrah is expected to rise by 10 years in the next 10 years. This will skew the requirements for town services. G. Pianka believes that the senior center and municipal agent for the elderly should eventually merge to meet the requirements.

**Item 8:** Fire Marshal Monthly Report

**Item 9:** Discussion/Action concerning the Fire Department sale of a pickup truck and the \$3,500.00 requested of the Fire Chief to direct those proceeds back to the Fire Department

**MOTION 3:** B. Ballinger made a motion to bring a letter to the Board of Finance to consider returning the \$3,500 to the Fire Department's capital budget for fitting the new truck. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 10:** Farm Viability Grant Program – SECCOG Sponsored

G. Pianka received a letter from SECCOG asking for a letter on behalf of them. If they receive the grant, each town would receive \$5,000-\$7,000 for promotional purposes for local agriculture. G. Piaka read aloud the letter he sent on behalf of SECCOG.

**MOTION 4:** B. Ballinger made a motion to support the letter authored by the First Selectman. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 11:** Homeland Security Grant Program - Resolution needed to authorize First Selectman to act on behalf of the Town of Bozrah

**MOTION 5:** B. Ballinger made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to act on behalf of the Town of Bozrah for the Homeland Security Grant Program. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 12:** Town Website

G. Pianka noted there has been problems with the distribution of the TWIB. He reached out to Miria Toth who has agreed to design the town website for under \$1,000. G. Pianka showed Maria the template from the Town of Colchester's website that she will try replicating.

**Item 13:** Chad Renshaw – consulting status, discussion/action

G. Pianka explained Chad Renshaw has been in consulting status at 19.5 hours paid per week. Chad is now less available and not needed as much, so G. Pianka has proposed to terminate the arrangement.

**Item 14:** Reimbursement Request by First Selectman:

Easy Does it Storage/Eviction	\$45.62
DPW/ Spray Paint	\$4.78
Computer Monitor – Town Clerk	\$148.88
Acorn Bolts – Rec Field	<u>\$12.00</u>
	\$211.28

**MOTION 6:** B Ballinger made a motion to reimburse G. Pianka \$211.28 for the purchases. G. Pianka seconded the motion.  
Vote unanimous –**MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 15:** Old Business

Rte. 82 Water Line – Survey work and aerial work have been done. G. Pianka noted the interim billing for \$4,500 for the work that’s been completed.

HR Consultant - G. Pianka had a meeting scheduled for last week with Paychex that is now rescheduled.

DPW Trucks Update – G. Pianka reported the trucks should be available to us anytime.

OSHA- G. Pianka received the paperwork from the OSHA inspection with a fine for \$2,100 for various violations that will be addressed.

DPW- G. Pianka noted that three members of the DPW graduated from the DPW Academy. This will allow them to further their education in the DPW program.

STEAP Grant – B. Ballinger reported he is constant contact with the state. Cathy Osten promoted the \$500,000 grant.

**Item 16:** Public Comment(s)

Raymond Barber, Goshen Road, commented on the town website, the phone system, the Farm Viability grant, the Zoning/ Board of Appeals chair, the schools reduced enrollment and increased employment, the new teachers contract, the OSHA violation corrections, the re-evaluation quotes and safety concerns with Hough Road.

John Graham, Caroline Road, commented on re-evaluation of personal property.

Heidi Magro, Wachonnah Drive, commented on the monthly reports, the schools decreased enrollment and increased employment, and the state police monitoring traffic.

**Item 17: Adjourn**

**MOTION 7:** B. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

Heather Barber  
Recording Secretary