

Public Hearing-79E/Fireworks Ordinance/ARPA

August 17, 2021

Fuller Town Hall @ 6:00 p.m.

Selectmen present: Macdonald, Goulet and Juergens **Others present:** Steve LaFrance, Bruce Blodgett, Vicki DeLalla, Rachel O'Meara, Sam Cavasos, Chase Cavasos, Cindy Juergens Kitty Kerner and Suzanne Goulet

Clayton began the Public Hearing by discussing the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Resources) which is un-anticipated money from Covid Relief. Suzanne has applied and Stratford will be receiving \$71,000 ($\frac{1}{2}$ in 2021 & $\frac{1}{2}$ in 2022). It is necessary to have a Public Hearing for any amount over \$10,000. The Board discussed the things that it can be used for. The discussion was opened up to the public for suggestions and questions. Some topics that were discussed were the Water Tank repairs/replacement/options and the need to have qualified people to give the town proper options, Security Issues/Ransom Ware, Town Garage Repairs/Heating, Fire Department/Replacing Air Packs and that all projects need to be completed by 2026. Steve said that the Water System was installed in 1994. Vicki asked about Broadband/County Broadband.

Clayton moved on to the 79E which is a Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive (RSA 79E) dealing with New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. This was brought up at Town Meeting in 2020 Article 10 and approved. Steve (Library Hall LLC) has applied to the town for this Tax Relief Incentive. This would give him a tax relief for 5-years. Clayton said that the town has received a letter from the NH Preservation Alliance supporting the Tax Relief Incentive for this building. Most in attendance voiced their support.

Clayton presented the Fireworks Ordinance which was brought before the town at 2020 Town Meeting as a Petitioned Warrant Article with the majority in favor. The Board did some research and created the Fireworks Ordinance presented. There was discussion mostly concerning who would be doing enforcement. The Board said that distributing Permits and enforcement would be done by the Fire Chief. The Board also informed the public that it will be a Warrant Article at the 2022 Town Meeting.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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