

Town Article 17 – 4th of July 2021 Community Event

This article will raise and appropriate \$3,000 to help pay for the expenses associated with the free 4th of July community event. Expenses could include holiday and overtime pay for police, fire, public works employees, and other town employees; food; and/or entertainment. This event had taken place for over 20 years through support from local businesses, community organizations, and private individuals, until 2020 when it was canceled due to COVID-19 guidelines on public gatherings. (1) July 4th activities for 2021 are yet to be determined. Estimated tax impact: \$.003 per thousand of tax valuation, or \$0.60 on a \$200,000 home.

A YES vote raises \$3,000 toward the costs of the public July 4th celebration.

A NO vote would not raise funds to defray the costs of the July 4th celebration.

Reasons why some voters might vote yes:

- To have the Town contribute to event costs.
- To support the July 4th activities and events.

Reasons why some voters might vote no:

- Do not want to help pay for this event through taxation.
- Believe the event should be supported by other means.

References:

1. Last year's allocation for the July 4th celebration was moved to unexpended funds as there was no community-wide celebration. -Town Manager Joe Ilsley speaking at the Board of Selectmen meeting, 12/14/20.