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****6/15/22 — TOWN BOARD MEETING UPDATE****

Good morning all,

I wanted to wait before mentioning the town board meeting and discussing the outcome of the gun show issue, as I assumed I was going to be inundated further with calls/texts/emails. Since Wednesday night's meeting, many of you have contacted me with me follow up questions and comments. To summarize, there are a few things that I would like to mention and point out.

First, I want to say thank you to everyone who came out on Wednesday night, both advocates and opposers alike. That community center was filled with many opinions and emotions, and I am very thankful that everyone maintained civility and respect.

I have seen many posts and comments about how “democracy prevailed.” As I mentioned in my opening remarks, much of my frustration and disappointment had to do with that very thing - the democratic process. In a way, democracy did prevail, and those who are satisfied with democracy taking place have myself and Councilwoman Nau to thank for that. That's a tough pill for some to swallow, but it's the truth nonetheless. The truth is that Town Board as a whole was not involved in a significant

portion of this process. I'm not sure why that happened, nor will I begin to speculate. If you think this entire process was democratic, then I'm sorry to say you're both a hypocrite and a fool.

Democracy is not something that can take place when it is convenient, but has to be present at all times, even when one side of an argument may not like or agree with the subject matter.

Since the meeting on Wednesday, many of you have reached out and asked me two questions; Questions that I have been asking myself and have yet to receive answers to.

1) If the Town Board did not have the authority to vote on whether or not the show took place, how could the Town Board have the authority to vote to cancel or proceed?

2) Why were some members of the Board active throughout the process and/or invited to participate, while others were not?

I ask these two questions because they are very easily applicable to any and all future issues and proposals that may come before the Town Board.

I said in my remarks that I would be disappointed if the vote favored "no show", but that I would be content knowing that a majority ruling determined that outcome.

That remains to be true. I am content following Wednesday's decision and continue to have the upmost respect for my colleagues.

What's next? TERM LIMITS.

Term limits is something that I not only mentioned during my campaign as something that I thought would be good for Saugerties, but is something I believe would positively impact all levels of our government. I am sick and tired of seeing the same people, do the same things and engage in the same same nonsense term in and term out. I will work hard to bring term limits to our local government.

In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone once again that showed up Wednesday night. for those of you who spoke, whether it was in favor of or in opposition to the show, it was a privilege to hear all of your concerns and points of view. I look forward to continuing my work on the Town Board and working with all of my colleagues on behalf of YOU and our town.

Thank you.

In unity,
Zach