

To: Dirk Grotenhuis, Planning Board Chair person
From: Dale Sylvia, Building Inspector
Subject: Water Cross event
Date: 5/6/21

Mr. Grotenhuis,

The three public safety departments (police, fire and health) recently met with the Chris Sterndale, town administer, to discuss the proposed water crossing event at 214 Raymond road. This was a pre-planning meeting to discuss what requirements they would need to obtain a Special Event License should the Planning Board approve their proposed change of use. The following items would be addressed from a staff perspective and we are making you aware of these items should the Planning Board want to consider any of these to be included in you approval.

- What will be the max attendance, to include crew? We are not suggesting a limitation, however we would like a max number allowed provided as many of the decisions that need be made depend upon the size of the crowd. A method of counting personnel and public must be provided.
- What will be the max number of campers allowed, to include crew? This is important RSA 216-I: 2 requires 600 square feet per tent and 1000 square feet per RV. They need to provide a plan with space per site.
- All three departments have concern that there is only one means of egress to for the entire site. We suggest they provide a plan for a second means of egress, this could be as simple as a pedestrian egress, but it will need to identified and properly labeled.
- There will need to be an approved Emergency Action Plan.
- All food trucks will require a State peddler's license. In addition the location of the vehicle need to be on the Emergency action plan and pre-approved by the FD.
- All fires will require a burn permit from the fire department. No fireworks will be allowed per the Fire Chief.
- The Fire Chief would like to know the capacity / status of the bridge over the only egress.
- They have applied for "dry camping". There is no such term and we do not recognize that as an option. RSA 216-I: 3 requires a safe and potable supply of water. RSA 216-I: 4 requires flush toilets. However RSA 216-I: 13 does allow for an exemption if it is not used for more than 7 days in a calendar year. Their proposed plan is for 9 days in a calendar year. Based upon this we recommend that three weekends not be approved until such time that they provide flush toilets and dedicated potable water (not from a garden house from the house). We are ok with two weekends being conditionally approved. Also , just stating there will be no camping on one of the weekends raises

concerns as there will be no way to enforce this and the crews usually come with their own RVs.

To help them meet these requirements, the three departments are willing to and recommend a site walk with the applicant weeks prior to the first event to help them understand any requirements. A site walk days before the event will be required to ensure compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Sylvia
Building Inspector