

TOWN OF RAYMOND

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Nottingham Town Office Planning Department 139 Stage Rd. Nottingham, NH 03290

Dear Mr. Dirk Grotenhuis, Planning Board Chair;

The Raymond Planning Board thanks you for inclusion in your Abutter Notice for Development of Regional Impact per RSA 36: 55 through 36.57, your invitation to the hearing, Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM to consider the Case #21-003-SIT.

After a lengthy discussion of this case at our February 18th meeting, where a full board was present, concerns for aquifer contamination and noise pollution from the event were raised. However, in our final summation, we determined there was no Raymond town wide impact expected, other than minor economic stimulus from event participants for our commercial establishments.

As such, the Raymond Planning Board will not be sending a representative.

Specifically, we urged concerned Raymond residents to participate in the case hearing as individual citizens.

Again, thank you for considering the Town of Raymond regarding this case. Additionally, might I suggest a future joint meeting between our two boards to discuss other issues of mutual concern.

Attached, please find comments from Raymond Fire Chief, Paul Hammond.

Respectfully submitted. Jonathan N Wood

Raymond Planning Board Chair

Hi Stephanie,

The following are professional opinion & observations.

I am aware of the water-cross events in Nottingham. Regionally the impact most obvious would be a noise issue. There is noise generated at this event, most prominently the engines of the water-cross machines & the announcer using a loudspeaker system. The Town of Raymond does not appear to have a noise ordinance. There being a complaint from the Stingy River Road area, I measured the distance to the nearest resident (Wallace) at over 2500 feet, half a mile direct line not road distance . This seems a reasonable distance to buffer out some of the impact. Further, This event has a curfew of 6PM.

The second regional impact being traffic. The previous series of 3 separate events over the coarse of

a year did not appear to be scheduled to coincide with any other major events such as the 4th of July, or Memorial Day, when Pawtuckaway State Park may be attracting additional tourists utilizing the Route 156 corridor. It did not appear the traffic generated by this event would interfere with Emergency response based on my direct observations. I understand there were parking attendants on site as well as a Police detail to address any issues that may have arose at the event site. Further, parking was discouraged along the Route 156 corridor by said entities.

Paul Hammond Fire Chief, EMD

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