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# Winston Farm in Saugerties could host first concert since Woodstock '94 this summer (video)

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SAUGERTIES, N.Y. — The site where the Woodstock '94 festival was held almost two decades ago could host another three-day concert this summer.

On Wednesday, the Town Board unanimously adopted a resolution granting conditional approval for the considerably smaller CounterPoint Music and Arts Festival to be held July 11-13 at the Winston Farm, which borders state Routes 32 and 212 and is near southbound Thruway Exit 20.

The approval was conditioned on the festival's producers securing state and county mass-gathering permits, reaching a memorandum of agreement with the town's attorney and offering a bond to the town to cover any unexpected expenses.

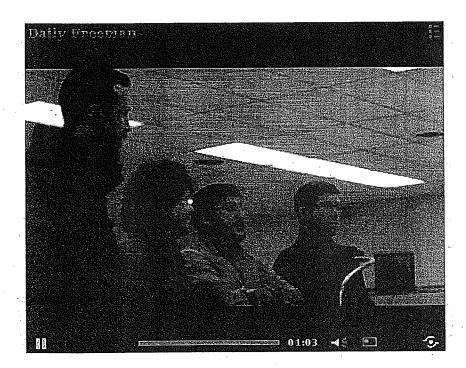
Jonathan Fordin, president and chief executive officer of festival producer MCP Presents, said he has no intention of trying to rush the permit process. He said it probably will take 60 to 90 days to complete.

Fordin said MCP hopes to announce the festival's performers within the next two weeks.

MCP needed the town's conditional approval in order to begin marketing the event and selling tickets, Fordin said. He said the company needs 180 days to sell enough tickets to make the show viable.

Fordin said the CounterPoint Music and Arts Festival aims to attract about 15,000 people this year, with hopes of reaching 35,000 in future years.

Town officials noted the annual Hudson Valley Garlic Festival, held over two days each September at Cantine Field in Saugerties, typically draws more than 15,000 people per day.



The Woodstock '94 festival, which featured some of the biggest rock music acts of that time, stretched across three days at the Winston Farm in August 1994 and drew an estimated 350,000 people, many of whom breached security and got in for free.

Michael Lang, one of the promoters of the 1969, 1994 and 1999 Woodstock festivals, has been working with the Winston Farm's owners to bring music back to the 850-acre site. He said at Wednesday's meeting that MCP's festival would be one such event and that there could be up to two more this year, followed by four or five in 2014.

Fordin said on Wednesday that MCP's festival will have more water on site than required by its mass-gathering permits and that attendees will, for the most part, remain at the Winston Farm for the duration of the event, minimizing traffic impact in the surrounding area.

Town of Saugerties Supervisor Kelly Myers told Fordin Wednesday she was "excited that you've chosen Saugerties as a venue."

"I'm delighted you're here," Myers said.

Fordin said the festival should be a boon for Saugerties and the surrounding area, perhaps pumping \$5 million to \$7 million into the local economy.

"We definitely are excited about bringing it to this community and to their site because of the size of the property and, obviously, what this community has been able to do before and what you guys plan to do in the future," Fordin said. "And we're very excited about making it our home."

Fordin said MCP held a CounterPoint Music and Arts Festival this past September in Atlanta and received nothing but praise from the community.

That show, according to the festival's website, featured about 75 acts — including headliners Bassnectar, Skrillex, Pretty Lights, AVICII and Steve Angello — performing on multiple stages.

Fordin said MCP made a presentation earlier Wednesday to police, emergency services, fire and other officials in

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Saugerties about the festival plan and that everyone was supportive.

Saugerties Police Chief Joseph Sinagra said he supports the festival after meeting with MCP and talking to police in Georgia about last year's festival.

Sinagra said the festival producers plan to bring their own security force of 250 to 300 and have that team search every car and person that enters the event. The producers also have promised zero tolerance for drugs and alcohol, the chief said.

Sinagra said his officers, as well as state troopers and Ulster County sheriff's deputies, will be on hand to help with such things as traffic and offsite security.

Both Sinagra and Fordin said the festival producers will cover all costs, including for police, so that taxpayers will not foot any of the bill.

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# Part 7, 7-4 Mass Gatherings

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#### 7-4.1 Definitions

- (a) Adequate shall mean sufficient to accomplish the purpose for which something is intended, and to such a degree that no unreasonable risk to health or safety is presented. An item installed, maintained, designed and assembled, an activity conducted, or act performed, in accordance with generally accepted standards, principles or practices applicable to a particular trade, business, occupation or profession, is adequate within the meaning of the Subpart.
- (b) A mass gathering shall mean one which is likely to attract 5,000 people or more and continue for 24 hours or more but shall not include a temporary residence under permit.
- (c) Permit-issuing official (PIO) shall mean the State Commissioner of Health, the health commissioner or health officer of a city of 50,000 population or over, the health commissioner or health officer of a county or part-county health district, the State regional health director or district director having jurisdiction, or any county or public health director having all the powers and duties prescribed in section 352 of the Public Health Law.
- (d) Person shall mean an individual, group of individuals, partnership, firm, corporation, association, political subdivision, government agency, municipality, estate or any other legal entity.
- (e) Potable water shall mean water provided or used for human consumption, food preparation, or for lavatory, culinary, bathing or laundry purposes.
- (f) Refuse shall mean all putrescible and nonputrescible solid wastes, including garbage, rubbish, ashes, incinerator residue, street cleanup, dead animals, offal and solid commercial waste.
- (g) Sewage shall mean excreta and the waste from a flush toilet, bath, sink, lavatory, dish washing or laundry machine, or the water-carried waste from any other fixture or equipment or machine.

- (2) A permit or approval in writing for the discharge of sewage or sewage effluent as provided by the plans shall be obtained from the permit-issuing official or other official having jurisdiction.
- (3) No construction shall be commenced for new or modified facilities for the treatment and/or disposal of sewage until such permit or approval in writing

has been received by the operator. Construction shall be in accordance with approved plans.

(4) The presence of inadequately treated sewage on the surface of the ground is prohibited.

#### 7-4.6 Swimming pools and bathing beaches

A swimming pool or bathing beach operated as a part or facility of a mass gathering for the use of occupants, guests, invitees or employees shall be constructed, maintained and operated so as to comply with the provisions of Part 6 of this Title.

#### 7-4.7 Engineering report

All applications for a permit to conduct a mass gathering shall be accompanied by an engineering report containing the following information:

- (a) The name, age, residence, mailing address and telephone number of the applicant; a statement of the applicant's legal status, such as individual, partnership, corporation, etc. If the applicant is a partnership, state the names and addresses, etc. of all partners; and if a corporation, the names and addresses of all corporate officers and stockholders, together with a certified copy of the articles of incorporation and a list of the names and addresses of all persons directly in charge of the activity.
- (b) The location and legal description of the property where the activity is proposed, including all lands to be used directly, indirectly or incidental to the proposed activity or any part thereof; attaching to the application certified copies of documents disclosing the nature of the interest of the applicant relating to such property.
- (c) The date or dates and the hours during which the activity, including travel time, is to be conducted and the total time period.
- (d) The program and plans of the activity in its entirety, specifying:
  - (1) detailed plans for parking facilities off public roadways able to serve all reasonable anticipated requirements at a rate of up to 100 passenger cars per acre or 30 buses per acre;
  - (2) detailed plans for transportation arrangements from noncontiguous parking facilities to the site to fully serve all reasonably anticipated requirements at a rate of no less than 20,000 persons per hour; including a statement from the county sheriff, State police, New York State Department of Transportation or other law enforcement agency certifying that the traffic control plan is satisfactory;
  - (3) an outline map of the area to be used, to an appropriate scale, showing the location of all privies or toilets and handwashing facilities, all water supply sources (lakes, ponds, streams, wells, storage tanks, etc.), all areas of assemblage, including separate overnight camping areas for sleeping, all food service areas and all refuse storage handling and disposal areas, and emergency access and egress roads;
  - (4) the total number of persons permitted at the event, including performers, staff members and audience, which shall be determined by providing a net assembly area of at least 50 square feet per person in addition to providing at least 50 square feet per person in a separate camping area for 50 percent of the population;
  - (5) a plan for limiting attendance, including methods of entering the area, number and location of ticket booths and entrances, and provisions for keeping nonticket holders out of the area;
  - (6) a statement agreeing to complete all construction and installation of services and facilities including water supply, toilet and handwashing facilities, sewage disposal, roads, food service equipment and refuse handling facilities, and all work for noxious weed and insect control, at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the event;
  - (7) a detailed plan for food service, including a description of food sources, menu, mandatory use of single-service dishes and utensils, refrigeration, food handling and dispensing in compliance with Part 14 of this Title;
  - (8) a detailed plan for use of signs to locate all facilities and roadways;
  - (9) a statement from local fire authorities having jurisdiction over the area verifying that they are aware of the event and are willing to cooperate if needed;

- (10) a detailed plan for emergency situations, including:
  - (i) food supplies;
  - (ii) medical supplies, facilities and personnel;
  - (iii) an evacuation plan; and
  - (iv) emergency access roads;
- (11) a statement from the local civil defense director indicating that he/she has been advised of the event and has approved the plan from a civil defense standpoint;
- (12) a command post to be used by State Department of Health personnel and/or the permitissuing official and his lawful representatives, consisting of a minimum of one building or trailer equipped with a communication system satisfactory to the permit-issuing official;
- (13) a statement that, if adult mosquito and biting fly populations are found to be in excess of 15 specimens per trap/night, the applicant agrees to arrange for proper adult mosquito control measures to be instituted no earlier than 72 hours nor later than 48 hours before the advertised start of the gathering in order to reduce such populations to a satisfactory level;
- (14) a detailed plan for elimination of noxious weeds 48 hours before commencement of the mass gathering;
- (15) detailed plans for security enforcement, including prevention of the unlawful use of alcohol, narcotics or dangerous drugs at the site, methods for limiting the size of the proposed function to the number of participants for which the facilities are designed, and external as well as internal crowd control, including sufficient guards for crowd control and security enforcement; and
- (16) a letter or other written document from the appropriate municipal official certifying that the proposed mass gathering site conforms with applicable municipal zoning and planning regulations.
- (e) The location and construction of toilet and handwashing facilities designed to serve fully all reasonably anticipated requirements at a rate of no more than 100 persons per toilet seat and 750 persons per handwashing facility, 50 percent of the male toilets to be urinals, and plans for construction and reports, including copies of all rental and service contracts, showing that the construction and operation constitute no threat of pollution to surface or underground water locations, to be attached.
- (f) The location and construction of water supply facilities, designed to serve fully all reasonably anticipated requirements at a rate of one pint of potable water per person, per hour, for the maximum estimated hourly attendance. One tap and one drinking fountain shall be provided per 1,000 persons and shall be separately located with adequate soakage pits or drainage. Detailed plans for approval by the permit-issuing official, showing that the water supply meets Part 5 of this Title and laboratory results of both bacteriological and chemical analyses of all new water supply sources, shall be attached.
- (g) Detailed plans for internal storage and collection of refuse, including provisions for disposal and cleaning the property and immediate surrounding properties within 48 hours after the event.
- (h) Detailed plans for emergency first aid to serve fully all reasonably anticipated requirements. Such plans shall state the arrangements made with hospitals and ambulances in the area, including names and locations, the number of doctors and nurses at the site and on call, and arrangements made with all other medical personnel and facilities, either at the site or on call.
- (i) Detailed plans for amplifying equipment designed to control the noise level at the perimeter of the site to no more than 70 decibels on the A scale of a sound level meter which meets the specifications of the American National Standards Institute.
- (j) Detailed plans for lighting designed to illuminate the public areas of the site at all times and demonstrating that the lighting will not reflect on any area beyond the boundary of said site.
- (k) A plan showing that the proposed activity is adequately buffered from all residential areas within 500 feet.

### 7-4.8 Liability and property damage insurance.

The applicant shall provide evidence of liability and property damage insurance in such form and amount as shall be determined by the permit-issuing official to be reasonable in relation to the risks and hazards involved and in relation to or in any way arising out of the proposed activity, together with a written hold-harmless agreement to the public at large for any loss or damage above and beyond insurance coverage.

## 7-4.9 Proof of financial resources.

The applicant shall submit proof of financial resources sufficient to execute the plans as submitted.

## 7-4.10 Other Requirements

Structures at a mass gathering which are available for workers for overnight occupancy shall meet the requirements of Subpart 7-1 of this Title.

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