

SPECIAL EVENT FACILITY (Bylaw Section ?)

Purpose

The purpose of this section is to encourage the preservation of agricultural and other larger parcels of land by allowing income generating events using the grounds and structures while also minimizing impacts on abutting properties.

General Provisions:

- a. Facilities shall only be allowed on a property or contiguous properties under the same ownership with a minimum total of twenty (20) acres.
- b. Events shall be restricted to private events, not open to the general public. Permitted types of events can include bridal showers, single day retreats, weddings, family gatherings and similar kinds of activities.
- c. Sound emitted from the facility must cease promptly at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 9 p.m. Sunday. Sundays prior to a Monday holiday shall follow the Saturday rules.
- d. Events shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five (125) attendees in size, including guests and staff supporting the event.
- e. Events numbering from 75 – 125 attendees in size shall be limited to a maximum of 10 events in a calendar year. Special events numbering 25 – 74 attendees in size shall be limited to a maximum of 20 events in a calendar year. Special events with less than 25 attendees shall have no limit.
- f. No event shall exceed 8 hours of operation, excluding set-up and break-down which are limited to 2 hours each.
- g. All events require off-street parking for all vehicles.
- h. Permits for this use shall be valid for five (5) years from the date of the approval, and shall expire if the applicant does not obtain a new approval prior to the original expiration.
- i. Portions of site that will be used for events, parking, or other active parts of the use shall be located to provide a substantial buffer to abutting properties and/or shall be screened with vegetation, fencing, sound walls, or the like as deemed necessary and appropriate by the permitting authority.
- j. If alcohol is to be served the appropriate license must be secured through the Select Board.
- k. If food is to be served the appropriate licenses and inspections must be secured through the Board of Health.
- l. Approved facilities and activities must comply with all other applicable statutes, ordinances and regulations