

## **Not Quite Independence Day (NQID) 2026 Entertainment Permit**

### Section A: Security & Safety Plan

#### **1. Event Description:**

Not Quite Independence Day (NQID) Waterbury town celebration featuring parade, music festival, and fireworks show.

The parade runs on Main Street from State Drive to the railroad bridge by the traffic circle. Prior to the parade, around 3:45 pm the Green Mountain Mile race runs from River Road to Stowe Street. The parade starts at 4pm. Please see the attached traffic diagram for the parade.

The music festival is held at Rusty Parker Park. Vendors will be selling food and gift items starting at 3pm and continuing until around 9 pm. Kids entertainment including games and a bounce house starts after the parade. A band will perform on the stage in the pumphouse from 5:00pm until around 9pm.

The fireworks show will be setup in the cornfield behind the state office complex.

**Date / Time:** June 27<sup>th</sup> 2026, rain date June 28<sup>th</sup>. The event would only be postponed in case of severe storms, not just rain.

#### **2. Venue Infrastructure**

Location: Rusty Parker Park

The park will be fenced off with access via two entrances, one facing the corner of Park Row and Main Streets, and the other behind the pump house facing the rail road station. Parking will be prohibited along the edges of the park so that vendors can setup. Restrooms include those in the pump house plus 2 additional portable toilets setup in the parking lot next to the train station,

Location: State Office Complex

The state office complex parking lots will be used for staging parade entries, and for parking and viewing of the fireworks. A portable toilet will be provided in the parking lot. Signs will inform spectators to stay a safe distance from the fireworks.

#### **3. Parking & Traffic Management**

Signage announcing the road closures for the parade will be posted two weeks prior to the event.

No parking signs will be posted Friday evening on Union Street (no parking on the side away from the RR tracks), on Railroad street (no parking either side) and around the perimeter of Rusty Parker Park.

See the attached diagrams for the parade route, traffic by-passing the parade, and traffic management assignments.

#### **4. Entrance to the Event**

Access to the music festival at Rusty Parker Park will be controlled by fencing around the perimeter of the park (excluding the monuments area) and two entrances. These entrances will be staffed. No outside coolers, alcoholic beverages, or dogs (unless marked service dogs) will be allowed to enter. A suggested donation will be requested to enter the event.

#### **5.Recreational Areas**

At Rusty Parker Park there will be games and activities for children, including a bounce house. A dunk tank will be located on the patio next to the pump house. The area between the pump house and gazebo is designated for watching the music and dancing.

#### **6.Event Arena Layout**

See Diagram D – RPP Site Layout

#### **7.Emergency Resources**

To assist with traffic and other issues that may arise, two Vermont State Police troopers will be on duty in Waterbury during and through the parade.

In addition, two Washington County Sheriffs will be staffed to manage traffic during the parade, with one continuing through the fireworks dismissal around 10 pm.

The Waterbury Fire Department assists with staging the parade.

#### **8.Risks & Controls**

The Waterbury Rotary has run the NQID event annually since 2012 (excluding 2020). After each year's event we have a debrief where all issues and improvement ideas are discussed. After last year's NQID, a primary concern was traffic congestion in the area of Stowe, Union, and Railroad streets. This area is usually congested, however in 2025 it was worse than usual due to the Stowe Street bridge replacement project. To alleviate the traffic bottleneck in this area, these three changes are being made:

1. No parking allowed on Union Street (the side away from the railroad tracks).
2. No parking on either side of Railroad Street

3. Parade entries that are road legal, will not return to the start via Union Street. They will either go towards the traffic circle if not returning to the start, or be routed through Dac Rowe field to Winooski Street and River Road in Duxbury.

**9.Zoning and Fire Chief Review.**

While not required, it is strongly encouraged that you review this Safety and Security Plan with local officials. For every official you consulted with, please have them fill out the signature below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Zoning Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_ Fire Chief

\_\_\_\_\_ Law Enforcement \_\_\_\_\_ (specify rank and department)

**10. Team & Roles (Key Contacts)**

The Waterbury Rotary Club runs the event.

Event Director: Dan McKibben 802-233-8933

Diagram A: parade route

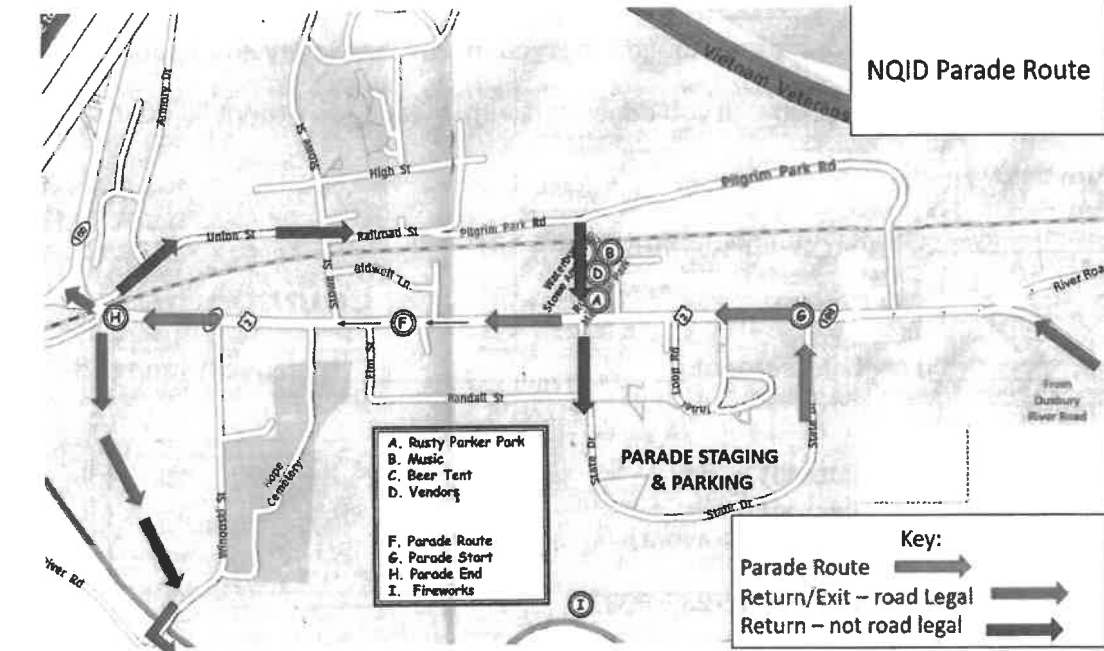


Diagram B: Traffic by-pass route during parade

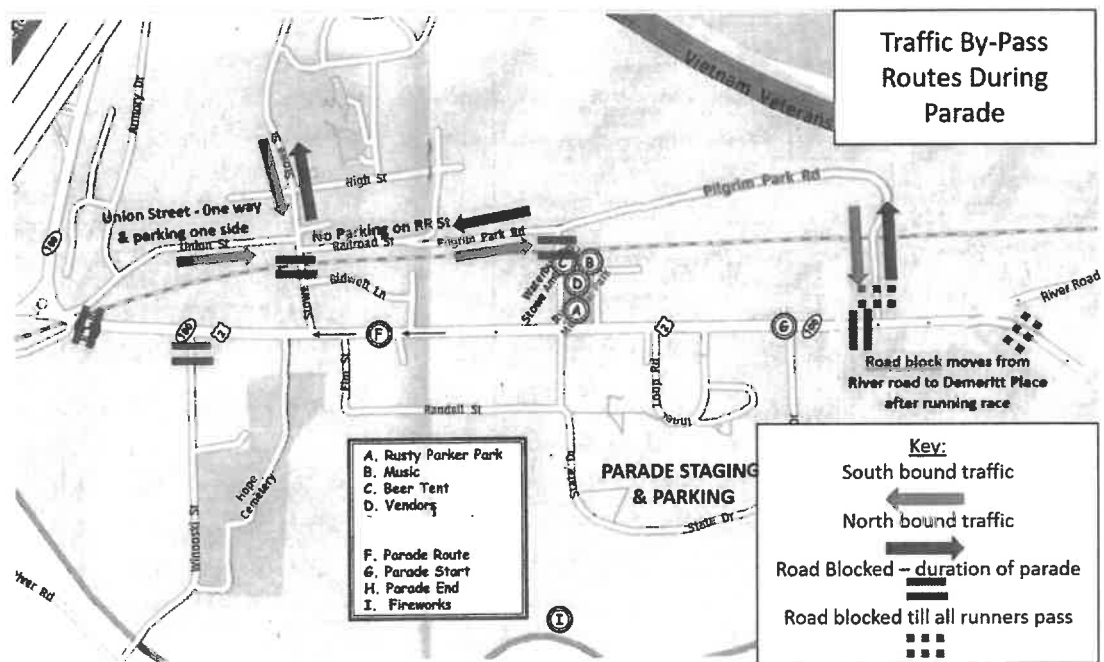


Diagram C: Traffic Control Staffing Plan

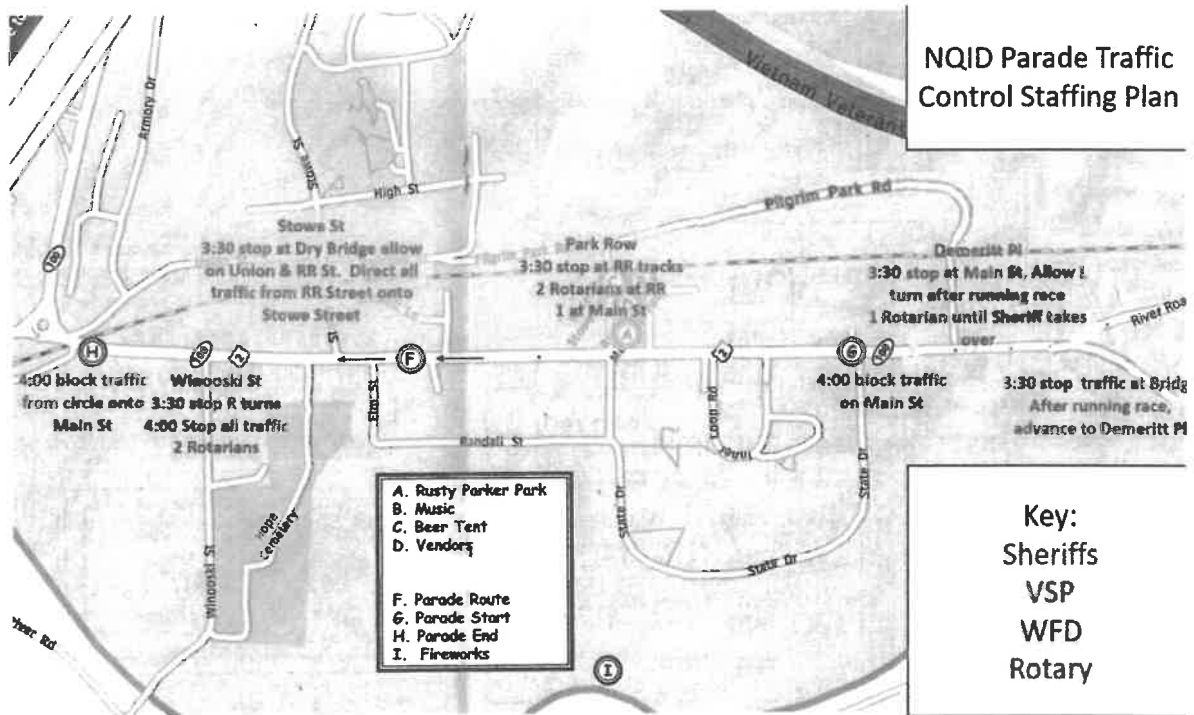
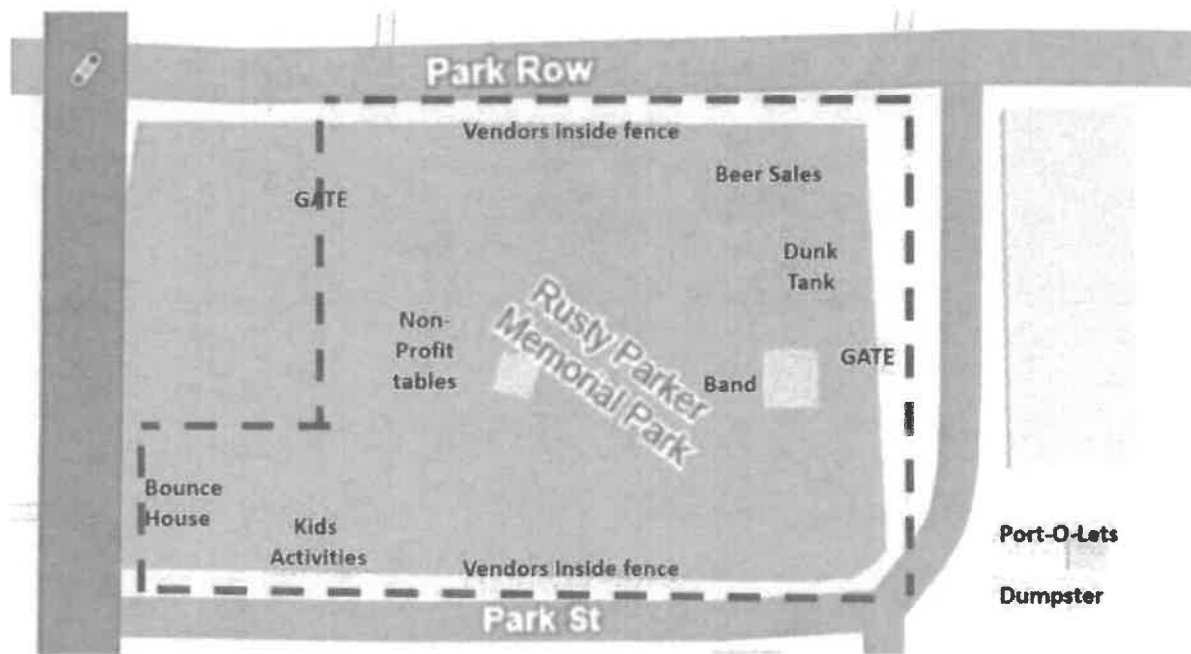


Diagram D – Rusty Parker Park Site Layout







# TOWN OF WATERBURY ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT

The undersigned hereby requests permission to offer public entertainment within the Town of Waterbury, in a public house or a non-public house as defined by the Town of Waterbury in its public entertainment ordinance. *Activities conducted by schools licensed by the State Department of Education and/or churches, on school or church grounds, and on municipal lands are exempt from the requirement to obtain a license and pay a permit fee.*

Name of Establishment: Waterbury Rotary Club

Location entertainment will be offered: Main St., Rusty Parker Park, State Office

Name of Applicant: Dan McKibben Waterbury Rotary

Type of Entertainment (check all that apply):

- Music
- Running event
- Other (please describe) Parade, Vendors at park, fireworks

Please describe the day/time of day and give a brief description of the type of entertainment you have checked above (include the date of the event in this description):

June 27th (rain date 28th), 3pm vendors start selling food, etc. 3:45 running race.  
4pm parade, 5pm kids activities, 5:30 dusk concert at RPP, dusk Fireworks

If your event has the potential to have 100 people or more in attendance, please see below:

Will you require a road closure for a parade? (  ) YES (  ) NO

Will you require alterations to normal traffic flow, such as temporary turning lanes that do not necessarily include a road closure? (  ) YES (  ) NO

If you answered YES above, please include Section A, Safety and Security Plan

Will you be serving alcohol at your event? (  ) YES (  ) NO

If you answered YES above, please include Section B, Special Event Permit. This step MUST be completed on the Department of Liquor Control portal.

*\*If you are planning to serve alcohol and anticipate over 200 people, you will need security or law enforcement to be present.*

Will you be hanging a Banner to advertise your event? (  ) YES (  ) NO

If you answered YES above, please include Section C, Banner Application

**If you expect over 2,000 people to attend your event, including volunteers, please check with state authorities for permits.**

