Agenda Summary
August 26, 2026

Agenda Item No. A-6
Special Event Application – Folk & Fairways Benefit Concert

Summary: Spruce Peak have submitted a special event application for the Folk & Fairways Benefit Concert. The concert is to take place on Tuesday September 15, 2026 between 6pm and 10pm. They anticipate up to 1,980 attendees and 175 staff.

This is a Noah Kahan concert benefitting his mental health charity. This is a high-visibility event due to the performer, and safety and security require heightened attention. It is the second year of this event with the 2025 event having no issues.

Both the Fire & Rescue and Police Departments have signed agreements with Spruce Peak for support for the event. 10 police officers and 5 Fire & Rescue personnel will be on-site.

Town Plan & Policy Impact: N/A

Fiscal & HR Impact: Utilization of SPD and SFR personnel, and time spent by the Police Chief and Fire & Rescue Chief to review the event.

Recommendation: Move to approve the special event application.

Town of Stowe

Special Event Permit Application

1. Name of Event: Folk & Fairways Benefit Concert
2. Date(s) of Event: Tuesday September 15th 2026
3. Location of Event: Spruce Peak Village Green
4. Hours of Event: 6pm-10pm
5. Event Organizer (Contact person): Kendal Daiger, VP of Marketing Spruce Peak

   541.891.5070 kendal.daiger@sprucepeak.com

   Address Phone Number Email Address

   If this is a new event to Stowe, and the Organizer has done similar events in the past, Organizer must provide three references, with contact information, from other communities in which you have hosted events. At least one of these references must be the municipality where an event was held and one must be the landowner where an event was held. If Organizer has not held similar events they should provide three personal references.

6. If the Event Organizer will not be on-site the day of the event, name & phone number for contact person for the day of the event: Anderson James (802) 971-3999
7. Event Sponsor (organization putting on event): Higher Ground Music

   802.652.0777 info@higherground.com

   Address Phone Number Email Address

8. Property Owner (If not Sponsor): Spruce Peak Master Owners Association

   802-760-4626 info@sprucepeak.com

   Address Phone Number Email Address

   If Event Organizer is not the Property Owner, please attach proof of owner's consent to use property, unless applying to use Town Property.

9. Event Description: Folk & Fairways Benefit Concert will be an intimate solo acoustic concert on the Spruce Peak Village Green with Noah Kahan benefiting his mental health foundation The Busyhead Project - www.folkandfairways.org

   (Please attach any promotional information – schedule, poster, flyer etc.)

10. Use of Town Owned Property/Streets Requested (**attached Recreation Field Use Forms**):
N/A

11. Anticipated Attendance: 1,980

Public Assembly Permit is required for attendance of 2,000 or more. Permit application & information can be found at http://vsp.vermont.gov/permit/assembly

12. Number of Staff/Volunteers that will be in attendance: 175

13. If food and/or beverage is to be provided, please describe: Spruce Peak in house food and drinks

If alcohol will be served, all vendors must have Liquor Permits filed through Vermont Department of Liquor and Stowe Town Clerk (253-6133).

14. Please contact Stowe Police Chief Donald Hull (802)253-4329 and EMS Director Scott Brinkman (802)253-9060 to determine if coverage is required by their Departments for your event and attach the completed *Special Event & Traffic Detail* form (Appendix A) and *Emergency Services* form (Appendix B). If coverage is not required by these Departments, attach the form indicating that coverage is not required. Application is not considered complete unless these forms are attached.

15. Attach site plan indicating event location/layout, state and local highways, entrances/exits, traffic flow patterns, parking and surrounding land uses.

16. Will there be any form of amplified entertainment (i.e. music) at the event? Yes

If yes, describe and mark location on site plan: WhistlePig Pavilion, Spruce Peak Village Green

17. The Selectboard must approve all signage for Special Events. Please include all proposed signage with this application. No off-site signage will be allowed except for directional signage. Directional signage must include directional information and may be posted in the public right-of-way up to seven (7) days before the event. Attach a map that includes location of all proposed directional signage.

18. A Certificate of Liability Insurance demonstrating $1 million of general liability insurance per occurrence, $2 million aggregate must be provided to the Town. If the event is held on Town Property the Certificate must name the Town of Stowe as additional insured. Certificate of Insurance must be filed with the Town at least ten (10) days prior to the event.

19. I hereby represent that to the best of my knowledge the information provided in this application is true and correct:

Signature _____ Samuel Gaines

Printed Name of Applicant Date

File application with the Town Managers Office at least thirty (30) days prior to the event accompanied by a $25.00 application fee. Each event will require a separate permit.

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Fee Received: _____ Certificate of Insurance Received: _____

Department Head Review: _____ Police & EMS Forms Received: _____

Selectboard Review on _____ **Application has been ☐ approved ☐ denied**

Conditions of approval by the selectboard: _____

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