



West Hurley Fire Dept.

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To whom it may concern:

The West Hurley Fire Department was approached via email on 4/3/24 in regards to an expansion plan at the Never Alone facility located on Crofts Rd, in West Hurley.

Myself and Asst. Johnsmeyer went to the site and reviewed the emergency access as requested.

We have several requests:

1. The parking lot be extended/added to either side of the new structure to allow for large apparatus to turn around, our trucks are upwards of 40ft long.
2. We would like a walk-through of the structure after it is shelled to see how the building is constructed, as well as a site familiarization with the department. It's been a while since we have done this and its helpful from an operations stand point on large occupancy dwellings such as the existing buildings in question.
3. We need an improved roadway to the pond on site accessible by a tandem axle fire apparatus, as well as the installation/maintenance of a dry hydrant in order to draft large volumes of water from the pond. Currently the nearest available water source is a 6 mile round trip, through country roads. Our nearest mutual aid tanker would be coming from over 5 miles away at a very slow speed due to the grade of a Dug Hill road.
4. Sidewalks from the building to the parking lot for stretcher access.
5. Will there be any fire alarm/suppression systems installed in the new building?

Due to the location, size, and occupancy level of the pre-existing structures, fire suppression efforts would be extremely difficult. Adding a new building would be no different and possibly worse due to the open floor plan of a gymnasium. Access to the water source on site would not guarantee a perfect outcome however it would certainly stack the deck in our favor.

We spoke about the pond/road modifications to the Never Alone operations manager on site who seemed very willing to work with us and even suggested that they dredge/make improvements to the pond as well as create a new draft site for us.

We genuinely appreciate your concerns, feel free to reach out with any other questions.

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