



MEMO

Date: February 8th, 2022
To: BPRW Commission
From: Meghan O'Daniel, Community Garden & Parks Outreach Coordinator
RE: COTS Special Use Permit for May 1st, 2022

Request for a Special Use Permit at Battery Park to hold a fundraising event and for a waiver to allow amplified sound.

The Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) will be hosting their 31st annual COTS Walk at Battery Park on Sunday, May 1st. This event has two purposes: to raise public awareness about homelessness in our community and to raise money to support COTS shelters and services for Vermonters who are homeless or at risk of losing their homes.

This event is expected to have around 1500 participants and 35 volunteers. They are not requesting use of the Bike Path. Ben & Jerry's will be providing complimentary scoops for participants and COTS will be working with the Department to ensure all vendors follow the required guidelines and go through the proper process. They are prepared to provide extra portalets and their staff and volunteers will be responsible for site clean-up. They have the necessary Certificate of Insurance.

The amplified sound will take place between 12:45pm – 3:45pm. They have already booked Battery Park.

Contact for the event is Antonia Hinge.

It is on a day with no conflicting events.

Staff Recommendations:

Allow for Special Use Permit including a waiver for amplified sound.