MEMO

Date:  August 9th, 2022
To:    BPRW Commission
From:  Meghan O’Daniel, Community Garden & Parks Outreach Coordinator
RE:    GMAA Special Use Permit for September 10th, 2022

Request for a Special Use Permit and waiver to allow for amplified sound at Oakledge Park.

The Green Mountain Athletic Association (GMAA) has rented out the Upper Shelter at Oakledge on Saturday, September 10th for their annual meeting.

GMAA is a non-profit running club based in Chittenden County. Their mission is to promote good health, fitness, and friendship through running. They host a dozen races throughout the year and organized group runs every week. Their events are 100% volunteer-supported and very affordable. They use the proceeds from the GMAA races to support local organizations like Girls on the Run, Vermont Foodbank, local fire and rescue squads, and others. They also provide scholarships to graduating high school students from the community. At their annual meeting, they will be holding elections, voting on bylaws and recognizing their athletes and volunteers.

They are requesting to have amplified sound from 6pm – 9pm for announcements and speeches.

Staff contact for the gathering is Nick Ponzio.

It is on a day with no conflicting events.

Staff Recommendations:
Allow for Special Use Permit including a waiver for amplified sound.