

AMPLIFIED USE PERMIT REQUEST FORM

Name/Organization: _____ Contact for Event: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Date(s) of the Event: _____

Purpose of the Event: _____

Is this event open to the general public: YES NO

Location of the Event: _____ Time of the Event: _____ Duration of Sound: _____

Check all that apply:

Equipment:

Use of sound equipment such as speakers, mixers, and microphones

Use of Musical Instruments

Content:

General Announcements National Anthem Music Sound Effects

I have read and understand Rule #4 of the Board of Selectmen Policies and Procedures regarding use of amplified sound as it relates to park use and understand the responsibilities that go along with an amplified sound permit.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

RULE 4. Music and Amplified Sound - Users of public property and abutting residents should have an expectation of quiet enjoyment of the Town's public parks, playgrounds, recreation and other open space areas. This rule recognizes that these properties are the site of some activities which inherently create levels of noise due to customary and usual uses such as fans cheering, referee and coach's whistles, and bands playing during football games. There is also recognition that as a community the public parks, playgrounds, recreation and other open space areas are the site of occasional community events which use music or amplified sound such as school field days, community fairs, and fireworks displays, etc.

Amplified sound is defined as voice, music or any sound extended above and beyond its normal range by an electric or electronic device or secondary means such as a radio, megaphone or non-electric equipment.

The use of amplified sound in public parks, playgrounds, recreation and other open space areas is not permitted without a permit to be granted by the Recreation Committee or other agency which has jurisdiction over said public property.

When permitted, playing of musical instruments or use of amplified sound shall be controlled by the permit holder such that the volume, direction, and duration of the sound is the minimum needed to meet the purpose of the use of the sound, and which will minimize the impact of the sound on other users of the park, playground, or other public property and its abutters.

The intent of this rule is to allow, with a permit from the Recreation Committee or other agency which has jurisdiction over said public property, reasonable and occasional playing of music or use of amplified sound while considering location, content, duration and frequency such as an annual fair, once a year all-star sports games, etc. The playing of musical instruments and use of amplified sound is not intended to be a routine for recurring events such as play by play announcements for sporting events and other repeated use of music and amplified sound. The permitting authority should consider the frequency of amplified permits per park or recreation site and afford significant consideration to the neighbors abutting the permitted areas as regards to their inconvenience created by said permit.

When a permit is granted, a copy of the permit shall be transmitted to the Board of Selectmen at least 3 days before the event at which the music or amplified sound is to be used. Additionally, all permitted dates of amplified sound will be posted in a conspicuous place on the Town's website as well as available by contacting the Recreation Administrator or head of any other agency having jurisdiction over the public property for which a permit has been granted.

Any variance from this rule will require the permitted applicant to petition the Board of Selectmen for such variance at which time a public hearing will be held on the matter.