



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEMS #: **17-75, 76 & 77**
COUNCIL MTG OF: June 6, 2017
FROM: David Caron, Town Administrator
OFFERED BY: Administration
PREPARED BY: Administration
SUBJECT: Authorization to provide samples of beer at the Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market

PURPOSE: Grant authorization to several brewers to supply free samples of beer at the Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market, pursuant to the authority provided in RSA 179:44.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: The Town Council is encouraged to support the Farm and Artisan Market by approving Resolutions #2017-041, 042 & 043.

BACKGROUND: The Town recently received a request from three brewers to provide free samples of beer at the Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market and are seeking authority from the Town in accordance with the mandates of NH RSA 179:44, which requires that such activity be authorized by the town's governing body and that the authorization must be in writing.

DISCUSSION: In accordance with the Town Charter and State law, the Town Council is the governing body of the town and has the sole authority to grant the requested authority to provide beer samples under that statute. The authority requested is narrow as to the location and time of operation of the Market. Specifically, on Wednesdays between the hours of 3:00PM and 6:00PM beginning June 7th and ending on September 20th.

FISCAL IMPACT: Granting the requested authority will not have an impact on the town budget. However it does facilitate the town's goal of enhancing economic development by providing a business opportunity to the requesting party.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL: Recommend that the Town Council grant written authority to Rockingham Brewery Company, Barrel Brewing Company and Backyard Brewery to provide samples of beer in accordance with the request and applicable state statutes regulating alcoholic beverages.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: See Resolutions #2017-041, 042 & 043.

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