

**STAFF REPORT**

AGENDA ITEM #: 19-23  
COUNCIL MTG OF: March 19, 2018  
FROM: David Caron, Town Administrator  
OFFERED BY: David Caron, Town Administrator  
PREPARED BY: David Caron, Town Administrator  
SUBJECT: Authorization to provide samples of cider, mead, wine and beer at the Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market

**PURPOSE:** Grant authorization to various vendors to supply free samples of ciders, meads, wine and 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 this request by affirmatively acting upon Resolution #2019-009.

**BACKGROUND:** The Derry Homegrown Farm and Artisans Market is planning its 2019 season and has received a request from Apollo Vineyards seeking Council approval to serve samples; Resolution #2019-009 provides authorization within the mandates of NH RSA 179:44, which requires that such activity be authorized by the town or city'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 samples under that statute. The authority requested is narrow as to the location and time of operation of the Market. It has been requested and is recommended that this action granting permission remain in effect indefinitely until rescinded by the Council.

**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 Apollo Vineyards to provide samples of alcoholic beverages in accordance with applicable state statutes.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Please see Resolution #2019-009

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