

STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #:

19-58

COUNCIL MTG OF:

May 21, 2019

FROM:

David Caron, Town Administrator

OFFERED BY: PREPARED BY:

David Caron, Town Administrator

SUBJECT:

David Caron, Town Administrator

Authorization to provide samples of cider, mead, wine and beer at the Derry

Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market

**PURPOSE:** Grant authorization to Long Blue Cat Brewing 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 this request by affirmatively acting upon Resolution #2019-031.

**BACKGROUND:** The Derry Homegrown Farm and Artisans Market is planning its 2019 season and has received a request from Long Blue Cat Brewing seeking Council approval to serve samples; Resolution #2019-031 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.

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

**RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL:** Approve the request of Long Blue Cat Brewing

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Please see Resolution #2019-031.

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