



## STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 22-62  
COUNCIL MTG OF: May 3, 2022  
FROM: David Caron, Town Administrator  
OFFERED BY: David Caron, Town Administrator  
PREPARED BY: David Caron, Town Administrator  
SUBJECT: Authorization to provide samples of liquor at the Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market

**PURPOSE:** Grant authorization to various vendors to supply free samples of liquor 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 #2022-031.

**BACKGROUND:** The Derry Homegrown Farm and Artisans Market is planning its 2022 season and has requested the Town Council to expand the authority to serve samples to include liquor to those vendors authorized to do so under state statute. Resolution #2022-031 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 Governor signed SB18 into law during the 2021 session which expands the authority to serve samples such as wine, beer and other spirits to include liquor. This Resolution would grant such authority to all vendors who were previously approved by the Council to provide samples, further providing that those vendors are so authorized to manufacture liquor pursuant to RSA 179.

**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 MOTION:** Please see Resolution #2022-032

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