



PLANNING, LICENSES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Council Chambers A, Keene City Hall
March 12, 2025
6:00 PM

A. AGENDA ITEMS

1. Keene Swampbats - Discharge of Fireworks - Independence Eve Celebration - July 3, 2025
2. Direct Referral to Committee: Birdies - Request for Permission to Serve Alcohol - Sidewalk Cafe
3. Farmers' Market of Keene - Request for Use of City Property - 2025 Farmer's Market
4. Copper Cannon Distillery - Request to Participate in the Keene Farmers' Market
5. Cabana Falls - Request to Participate in the Keene Farmers' Market
6. Michael Remy/Keene Young Professionals - Request to Use City Property - Taste of Keene Food Festival - June 7, 2025
7. Councilor Remy - Potential Implementation of Consent Agenda by Committee - City Council Meetings

B. MORE TIME ITEMS

1. Councilor Robert Williams - Policy on the Discharge of Fireworks
2. Relating to Licenses and Permits
Ordinance O-2024-18

NON PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT



January 10th, 2025

Keene City Council
Mayor Kahn

Dear City Councilors and Mayor Kahn,

The Keene SwampBats request your approval to host a Class B fireworks display on Thursday July 3rd, 2025. This event is part of Keene's annual fireworks celebration, also known as Independence Eve.

The fireworks will take place at Alumni Field on Arch Street, immediately following the regularly scheduled SwampBats game. The fireworks display will begin at approximately 9:45pm, within minutes of the final out of the game. We will supply a letter of approval from the SAU29 and an insurance rider naming the City of Keene as a co-insured.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Kevin D. Watterson, President
Keene SwampBats



CITY OF KEENE NEW HAMPSHIRE

ITEM #A.2.

Meeting Date: March 12, 2025
To: Planning, Licenses and Development Committee
From: Beth and Matthew Wood
Through: Patricia Little, City Clerk
Subject: **Direct Referral to Committee: Birdies - Request for Permission to Serve Alcohol - Sidewalk Cafe**

Recommendation:

Attachments:

1. Birdies 2025 Letter to Mayor and Council_Redacted

Background:

The owners of Birdies are seeking permission from the City Council for the service of alcohol on City right-of-way in front of their establishment located at 18 Main Street in conjunction with their application for a Sidewalk Cafe.

City Council of Keene & whom it may concern
3 Washington Street
Keene NH 03431

Beth & Matthew Wood
Birdies
18 Main Street
Keene NH 03431

Request for Outdoor Tables

Dear City Council & To Whom Else This Concerns,

We are the owners of Birdies at 18 Main Street in Keene. We opened for business in October 2024 and are looking to obtain a license to have tables on our sidewalk to better compete with other restaurants on main street that do a similar seating arrangement. We have a full liquor license through the state and will have beer, wine and liquor available at these tables. We plan to adhere to all city, state, and federal laws and ordinances.

If you have any questions please reach out to Beth Wood at ([REDACTED]) or email at BethWood.Birdies@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

Beth & Matt Wood

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February 28, 2025

Attn: Honorable Mayor and City Council of Keene, New Hampshire
From: The Farmers' Market of Keene

The Farmers' Market of Keene would like to respectfully request a license to vend starting April 26th, 2025 through October 25th, 2025. We would like to continue to use our present location on Gilbo Ave and the Commercial St parking lot, which includes 40 parking spaces. Our hours of operation will continue to be the same, Saturdays from 9am-1pm, and we are requesting to use the space from 8am-2pm to accommodate set up and break down time. Given the challenges of the economy, we hope to keep the fees the same to be able to attract new farmers and retain current vendors without having to raise vendor dues. In addition, we would like to continue discussing public restroom options for both patrons and vendors of The Farmers' Market of Keene. We appreciate all that the city and the parking services do to accommodate our market in our current location.

Sincerely,



Kati Woodard



Market Coordinator
The Farmers' Market of Keene
PO Box 425
Keene, NH 03431

2/27/2025

Copper Cannon Distillery
2 Lyman Way
West Chesterfield, NH 03466

Keene City Council,

We have submitted our application to be a vendor at the Keene Farmers Market in 2025.
We are Copper Cannon Distillery located in West Chesterfield, NH.
We would like to do tastings and retail at the Keene Farmers Market.

We are asking the council to give us approval to take part in the Keene Farmers Market.
We will have all of the appropriate safe guards in place when doing tastings per the liquor
commission.

Thanks you for your time,

Kevin Blake Amacker

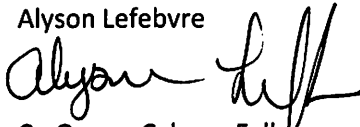
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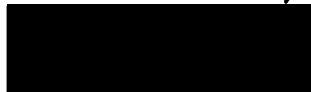
Cabana Falls
11 Cabana Dr
Peterborough NH 03458

Dear Mayor and City Council,
Cabana Falls of Peterborough has been approved by The Keene Farmers Market as a returning vendor for 2025. We would like to continue selling our wine at the Farmers Market for this season April-October 2025 So we are asking that the Council to approve our participation at the Keene Farmers Market. We will follow all Laws and have all safeguards in place per our license #569430 with The NH Liquor Commission.

Sincerely
Alyson Lefebvre

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Co Owner Cabana Falls



Keene Food Festival

Alana Fiero

KYPN President

Michael Remy

KYPN Events Chair

Mayor Kahn & the Keene City Council

3 Washington Street

Keene, NH 03431

603-357-9804

Dear Mayor Kahn & the Keene City Council,

The Keene Young Professionals Network would like to submit a request to host the 2025 Taste of Keene Food Festival in downtown Keene. We plan to host our fifth annual Taste of Keene event again this June!

City Council has been wonderfully supportive of this event and we would like to continue to make this festival an annual tradition for Keene. We plan to host this event the first Saturday of June each year. This year would be June 7th from 11:30am to 3:30pm. We plan to operate in the same manor as last year with food and beverage tastings spanning from Central Square down Main Street to Eagle Court. We continue to partner with the ArtWalk for their festival to occur on the same day, but it will be planned and requested separately.

The event is intended to be beneficial for downtown Keene in several ways:

- Draw people back to our downtown businesses to kick off the warmer weather
- Put Keene "on the map" as a tourist destination and food hub
- Highlight local cuisine and beverage options
- Showcase a diversity of local talent with live entertainment
- Welcome new community members to town

Keene Young Professionals Network is a program of the Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship, with the mission of connecting young professionals in the Monadnock region to their peers and their communities through social, educational, and service opportunities.

We are hopeful to partner with the City to make this a safe, successful, and fun event that is enjoyed for years to come.

Sincerely,



Michael Remy

Michael Remy
City Councilor, At-Large

January 16, 2025

Re: Consent Agendas

To: Mayor and City Council

I request that we review and if possible develop a process and move to consent agenda by committee where possible to abbreviate the full City Council meetings. This would be similar to the last meeting of 2024, but with a defined and practiced process it would be even more efficient. The primary benefit is savings of staff time, but this may eventually lead to greater public participation in our processes.

Thank you!

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Michael Remy