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MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Salem Licensing Board was held on Monday, **April 11, 2016** at 6:45 p.m., at City Hall, 120 Washington Street in the third floor meeting room. In attendance: Bob St. Pierre, Chairman, Members Rick Lee and Paul Flores, Special Investigator Sgt. Dennis Gaudet and Melissa Pagliaro, Clerk of the Board.

1. Application for a renewal of a Street Performer Licenses. Applicant: Simon Zaslavsky.

Simon said he wanted to renew his license to play the violin. Mr. Flores motioned to approve. Mr. Lee seconded. Chairman St. Pierre said motion carries.

2. Application for a One Day Liquor License on May 1 at Old Town Hall. Applicant: Mass Poetry.

Ellen Talkowsky, special projects for the City of Salem presented the application for Mass Poetry. She said that she is a liaison for the project and that this is their 7th year. She said the festival in the entire weekend but for one hour on Saturday they have a thank you reception for the volunteers. Mr. Flores motioned to approve. Mr. Lee seconded. Chairman St. Pierre said motion carries.

3. Application for a One Day Liquor License on April 16 from 6-8pm for the Art Gallery Opening at Salem Arts Center. Applicant: Salem Arts Association.

Mary Best and Annette Hoyt presented the application. Mary said this was for the Gallery Opening of the Salem Arts Center. She said it was for about two hours and they wanted to serve appetizers along with beer & wine. She said there is no charge and they will have a TIPS certified server there. Bob asked how many people there will be. Mary said 50-75. Mr. Flores motioned to approve. Mr. Lee seconded. Chairman St. Pierre said motion carries.

4. Application for a One Day Liquor Licenses on June 26 from 12 noon-9pm for the St. Vasilios Greek Picnic at Winter Island Pavilion. Applicant: St. Vasilios Greek Church.

Pam Kasiris could not be at the meeting tonight. Ms. Pagliaro presented the application. She said they have had this picnic for quite a few years at Winter Island and there have been no issues. She said there will be a detail present and has the COI. She informed the Board that the Church requested a waiver of the fee. Mr. Flores motioned to approve and waive the fee. Mr. Lee seconded. Chairman St. Pierre said motion carries.

5. Application for a One Day Liquor License on April 23 from 7-9pm for the 10th Season Reception at The First Church in Salem on Essex Street. Applicant: Striving Artist Theatre Co.

Greg Luzitano presented the application. He said this was a small reception for their 10th season. He said it will be for 2 hours at the First Church with Beer & Wine for volunteers. Sgt. Gaudet asked who would be serving. Greg said they will have a TIPS certified server. Mr. Flores motioned to approve and waive the fee. Mr. Lee seconded. Chairman St. Pierre said motion carries.

6. Application for a Sub Licensee Fortunetelling License for A Sacred Placed Healing Center, East India Mall. Applicant: Michael Noll.

Michael said he has held a license in Salem since 1989 and gave it up in 2012 for a while but now would like to read at a Sacred Place. Mr. Flores motioned to approve. Mr. Lee seconded pending a CORI check. Chairman St. Pierre said motion carries.

7. Application for to amend an Entertainment License to add live entertainment. Application: Brothers Taverna, Derby Street.

No one was present.

8. Application to amend an Entertainment License to add a Jukebox. Application: Lobster Shanty, Front Street.

No one was present.

9. Application for a Change of Manager. Applicant: He Qiang, Inc. d/b/a East Sakura Restaurant, Highland Ave.

Attorney Margaret Chin was present with the owner and the proposed manager. Sgt. Gaudet asked if the proposed manager is TIPS certified. She said that the manager has recently refreshed all of her TIPS certifications. Mr. Flores motioned to approve. Mr. Lee seconded. Chairman St. Pierre said motion carries.

10. Application for an Entertainment License and Automatic Amusements. Applicant: Bit Bar Salem, St. Peter St.

Giddeon Coltof, owner and Stephen Hall were present. Giddeon said he was here recently to have his application for the transfer of the Liquor License approved and now he is here for the Entertainment and Automatic Amusement applications to be approved. He said he is opening a restaurant with an arcade atmosphere with 30 old time arcade and pinball games. Sgt. Gaudet asked if there were any issues with noise who he should call. Giddeon provided Sgt. Gaudet with Mr. Hall's telephone number and said he will be there most of the time. Mr. Flores motioned to approve. Mr. Lee seconded. Chairman St. Pierre said motion carries.

11. Application for a Lodging House at 2-4 Emerton Street. Applicant: Cougar Capital (continued from previous meetings)

Chairman St. Pierre said that this application has had two meetings already and that there will be no public comments at this point. He asked the applicant if there was anything new to add since the last meeting. The applicant stated that there was not. Chairman St. Pierre said that the court and general law provide guidance on reviewing these applications. The Board must determine that the applicant has experience running a boarding house, that the manager is suitable for the role and the property is sufficient for the use. Chairman St. Pierre stated that the Board members can speak for themselves, but that he has not heard evidence that the applicant has experience running a rooming house, no specific manager has been identified for the Board to examine and the proposed building has no parking. The applicant stated he has managed other types of properties, that he doesn't have a specific manager, but has a management team. He added that there are parking issues. The other Board members did not have any further questions or comments. Mr. Lee motioned to deny the application based on the reasons that Chairman St. Pierre stated. Mr. Flores seconded. Motion carried.

12. Communications:

None

13. Old/New Business:

None

14. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 28, 2016. Mr. Lee motioned to approve. Mr. Flores seconded. Chairman St. Pierre said motion carries.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Lee motioned to adjourn. Mr. Flores seconded. Chairman St. Pierre said motion carries.

Melissa Pagliaro
Clerk of the Board