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MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Salem Licensing Board was held on Monday, **May 23, 2016** at 6:45 p.m., at City Hall, 120 Washington Street in the third floor meeting room. In attendance: Chairman Bob St. Pierre, Member Paul Flores, Special Investigator Sgt. Dennis Gaudet, City Solicitor Beth Rennard and Clerk of the Board Melissa Pagliaro. Absent was Rick Lee.

Application for various Street Performers Licenses. Applicants: Philip Weinstein, Alucard Bumpus, Christopher Martel, Michael Gentz, Charles Carr and Skye Brook.

Christopher Martel was not present. Chairman St. Pierre asked each applicant what they would be performing. Mr. Flores asked if they had read the rules and regulations and signed off on them. Applicant's said that they did. Chairman St. Pierre said that applicant Skye would need a parent with her as she is a minor. Sgt. Gaudet spoke about moving along every 15 minutes or so and moving if they are asked to do so by someone in the Licensing Dept. or from the City or the Police Dept. Mr. Flores motioned to approve. Chairman St. Pierre seconded. Motion carried.

Application for two (2) One Day Liquor Licenses on 5/27 for a Sip and Paint Night from 7-9 p.m. for 10 people and on 6/3 for a Jazz Night from 7-10 p. m. for 99 people, both at Ames Hall, 1 Sewall Street. Applicant: Salem YMCA, Emily Wellman.

Emily said that the first event on 5/27 has been cancelled due to low participation so they are only requesting a license for the event on 6/3. She the event is a jazz night at Ames Hall. Chairman St. Pierre asked if she arranged for a detail. Emily said she will call to do that. Bob said the approval will be contingent on getting the detail. Mr. Flores motioned to approved contingent on the applicant arranging for a detail for the event. Chairman St. Pierre seconded. Motion carried.

Application for two (2) One Day Liquor Licenses. 1) Members Party on 6/6 from 6-8 p.m. for 40 people and 2) a Welcome Dinner from 7-10 p. m. on 6/3 for 90 people, and 3) a Wedding Ceremony & Reception on 9-10-16 from 5-10 p. m. for 100 people, all to be held at the Gables, 115 Derby Street. Applicant: The House of the Seven Gables.

Deb Costa said that she has a detail arranged and insurance for both of the requested events. Mr., Flores motioned to approve and waive the fee for the Member's Party. Chairman St. Pierre seconded. Motion carried.

Application for a Farmer Series License for the 2016 Farmer's Market from June through October from 3-7pm. Applicant: Mill River Winery.

Rick Rosseau, owner, presented the application. Chairman St. Pierre asked if he was familiar with pouring and if his employees are TIPS certified. Mr. Rosseau said that everyone is certified. Mr. Flores motioned to approve. Chairman St. Pierre seconded. Motion carried.

Application for a renewal of a Store Fortunetelling License at 180 Essex Street. Applicant: Bewitched.

Judy Lazdowski presented the application for her son Bill to renew his Store Fortunetelling License for Bewitched on Essex Street. Mr. Flores motioned to approve pending CORI results. Chairman St. Pierre seconded. Motion carried.

Application for a Change of D/B/A. Applicant: Congress Street Hospitality, LLC, 26 Congress Street.

Mr. Gateman, manager, presented the application and explained to the Board he was just before them not long ago to transfer the license to him but now wanted to change the DBA name. Ms. Rennard asked when they thought they were going to open. Mr. Gateman said in about three weeks. Mr. Flores motioned to approve. Chairman St. Pierre seconded. Motion carried.

Application for a Farmers Series Pouring Permit. Applicant: Notch Tap Room, LLC, 283R Derby Street. (continued from 5/9 meeting)

Christopher Lohring, owner, presented the application. Chris said that he is moving his product to Salem after spending 7 years in Ipswich. Chairman St. Pierre asked what his hours would be. Mr. Lohring said Wednesdays through Sunday noon until 7pm and they would be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mr. Lee motioned to approve. Chairman St. Pierre seconded. Motion carried.

Application for a Seasonal All Alcohol License. Applicant: Ragazza Restaurant Group, Inc. at 41 Lafayette Street, Unit #2.

Larry Leowicz and Tim Haigh, owners, presented the application. Chairman St. Pierre recognized there were audience member's there regarding this application and would allow them to speak. Tim said that they are looking to open a new restaurant in the Salem Laundry building on Lafayette Street. Chairman St. Pierre asked what kind of food the restaurant would be serving. Tim said Asian noodles, , and they would be open from 7:30am to 1:00 am, 7 days a week. Ms. Rennard said they hold the license for Bambolina's around the corner on Derby Street. She said the LB has criteria for Seasonal Licenses and there are none available at this time and the business is in the downtown, it will create jobs and they have a good record with the license they currently hold. She said from the Licensing Departments perspective they meet all the requirements. Kate Robertson, Derby Lofts, said that the owners met with the neighbors and told us of their intentions. She said they have no issue with them but that there has been other trouble in the area and when they speak up they are told they complain a lot. She asked how with the budget cuts Police would patrol the area any better because they are already understaffed. Sgt. Gaudet said this summer that area will have two walking patrols. Kate said that's only two for the entire downtown. Another resident from Derby Lofts said that the trash and noise is bad. He said that he frequents local business and supports them but they would like some assurance this is not going to turn into a "college downtown". He said that a couple of weeks ago the back door to their building was vandalized during a huge fight. Sgt. Gaudet said that is was not really a huge fight but more of a scuffle between two unidentified people. Chairman St. Pierre said that the application that is before the Board tonight is for the approval of the restaurant. He said if

there are specific issues that those need to be addressed to the specific departments. Bill Nichols, resident of Derby Lofts said that they run a great pizza place but he is concerned about loud, uncontrolled noise and smells that might be offensive and how late entertainment will go to. He said he feels that the Board and the residents do not have enough information. Chairman St. Pierre said there is not an Entertainment License before the Board tonight and if or when it is the LB can control the hours and size of bands, etc. He said the Health Dept. will review issues regarding smell. Bill said he didn't believe there was even a signed lease yet. Tim said that is contingent upon approval from this Board. Another resident of Derby Lofts said she went to both meetings Tim and Larry held and thought it would be good to have an establishment there with good owners and she thinks it will be a good addition. Joan, resident of Derby Lofts said that they were very thorough in their meetings with the residents and they will be welcome. Chairman St. Pierre said he received a call prior to the meeting from the Ward Councilor and she is in support of the application. Beth Arnold, Derby Lofts said that that corner is a bit of an eyesore and it will be nice to see something in there. Ms. Rennard said that they have demonstrated how to run a good business in the City. Mr. Flores motioned to approve pending the rest of the required paperwork is submitted to the Licensing Department. Chairman St. Pierre seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding an Annual All Alcohol Restaurant License. Licensee: Leslie's Retreat, North Street.

Claire Chalifour along with her daughter Mary was present. Mary said they are happy to report that they believe they finally have a very strong applicant that will not fall through this time. She said they are under agreement and think they may be ready to submit the paperwork next month. Mary said they really wanted to keep a restaurant going in Ward 6. Chairman St. Pierre wished them luck and said the LB would see them in September unless they were ready before.

Communications: None

Old/New Business: Sgt. Gaudet asked Ms. Pagliaro if Rockafella's came in to amend their Entertainment License for the light music they have out front on the patio. Ms. Pagliaro said they have not yet. Sgt. Gaudet said he would follow up with them.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2016. Mr., Flores motioned to approve. Chairman St. Pierre seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Melissa Pagliaro
Clerk of the Board

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