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LICENSING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Salem Licensing Board met on Tuesday, September 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via remote participation in accordance with Chapter 20 of the MA Acts of 2021. Present was Chairman Gary Barrett and member Gary Santo, Jr., Clerk of the Board Melissa Pagliaro, City Solicitor, Beth Rennard and Special Investigator to the Board, Sgt. Mike Ball. Absent was member Deborah Greel

1. Application a renewal of a sub licensee fortune teller license at Hermetic Arts, 272 Essex St. Applicant: Lauren Potter.

Lauren said she lives at 245 Lafayette St. and is looking to read as a sub licensee at Hermetic Arts. Ms. Rennard said all the paperwork is in order. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded and said motion carries. Roll call vote 2-0.

2. Application a renewal of a sub licensee fortune teller license at A Sacred Place Wellness Center Witch City Mall. Applicant: Ellen Damsky.

Ellen said she has been at a Sacred Place and is looking to renew her license. Ms. Pagliaro said all the
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Paperwork is in order. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded and said motion carries. Roll call vote 2-0.

3. Application for a Change of Manager at Nolo Opus, 87 Washington St. Applicant: Dans O'Keefe.
Ms. Pagliaro said there was a request to continue this application to the meeting on October 25, 2021. Mr. Santo motioned to continue. Mr. Barrett seconded and said motion carries. Roll call vote 2-0.

4. Approval of Licensing Board meeting minutes from August 30, 2021.

Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded and said motion carries. Roll call vote 2-0.

5. New Business/Old Business: Street Performer Regulations
#1 Ms. Rennard said that she has spoken to the ACLU and has worked with them to change regulations to time place and manner and not the issuance of specific badges. Mr. Santo asked if there was no longer going to be an application and how will this be handled going forward. Ms. Rennard said it will be more of a police matter regarding noise, blocking of public ways, etc. She said she will be meeting with the Police Chief and Sgt. Ball. She said the Licensing Department is still working on designated places for performances.

#2 Ms. Rennard said in 202 the Board gave the Licensing Dept. authorization to handle the temporary outdoor seating. She said the Village Tavern expanded their additional outdoor space. She said they looked to put there 10x10 tent up which was fine and what they filled paperwork out for but last week they put a 10x20 tent out with beer taps and a sign for a beer garden. Police reported that patrons were leaving the premise with alcohol in plastic cups. The 2019 new Rules and Regulations allow only for a 10x10 tent for any business with the frontage for it. Mr. Barrett

said they could have sought guidance before doing that and said the Board won't modify regulations. Mr. Santo concurred.

#3 Sgt. Ball said there have 14 noise complaints in the last two weeks and a fight. He said one of the complainants cannot live in his own home because of the noise and trying to recover from cancer treatment is impossible with the noise going on Wednesday through Sunday until 10 pm.

Sgt. Ball asked if it would be helpful if some nights were cut back. Mr. Kesel said he could work with that. Sgt. Ball said the sound barriers that were ordered have done nothing to curb the noise. Mr. Santo asked if the noise is in the decibel range. Sgt. Ball said some are and some are not. He said he has talked to the Rockett's about several suggestions like switching the band and the bathrooms. He said five days a week might just be too excessive. He said the residents complain that they lived there before this beer tent and now have to deal with these issues. Ms. Rennard suggest having a special meeting. Mr. Barrett said he is not inclined to continue letting neighbors be disrupted all the time. Ms. Rennard said we could schedule a meeting for October 18th and see if they are available for a 6pm call. She then said maybe a 4pm call as she has another commitment that evening.

6. Adjournment. 6:21 pm.