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LICENSING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Licensing Board was held on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM. In attendance were Chairman Gary Barrett and members Deborah Greel and Gary Santo, Clerk of the Board, Melissa Mojica and Special Investigator to the Board, Sgt. Mike Ball.

1. Application for two One Day Liquor Licenses at the Salem Common on September 21 & 22, 2024 for 3,000 people from 11am-6pm for the Food Truck & Craft Beer Festival. Applicant: Food Truck Festivals of America - Anthony Pepe.

No one was present for the application.

2. Application for a One Day Liquor License at Forest River Function Hall, 32 Clifton Ave. on June 22, 2024 for 45 people from 12:30 – 4pm for a Birthday Party. Applicant: Christopher Padgett.

Mr. Padgett presented the application. Mr. Barrett asked who would be pouring. Mr. Padgett said it is self serve. Mr. Barrett said he is not comfortable issuing a license for self serve and they will need to find someone TIPS certified to actually serve. Mr. Padgett said he has some friends that work in restaurants that are possible certified. Ms. Greel said if he could get one of them that would be fine. Mr. Barrett said to get TIPS certificate to Ms. Mojica. Mr. Santo motioned to approve pending TIPS certified server. Ms. Greel seconded. All in favor. Roll call vote 3-0.

3. Application for a One Day Liquor License at Old Town Hall, 32 Derby Square on May 11, 2024 for 250 people from 4 – 9pm for a Vendor Market. Applicant: Nicholas Caso – Notch Brewing.

Mr. Caso said this is for a small vendor market and they would like to sell beer during it. He said that he is TIPS Certified and a crowd manager. He said someone will be working the door to make sure they do not exceed 100 people and they have called for a detail. Ms. Mojica said he needs the Certificate of Insurance. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. All in favor. Roll call vote 3-0.

4. Application for a One Day Liquor License at The House of the Seven Gables, 115 Derby Street on May 11, 2024 for 25 people from 12 – 3pm for a Bridal Shower. Applicant: Gourmet Delights Catering.

Rachel Hoffman said this is for a client's bridal shower. She said she is TIPS certified and her waitstaff is all TIPS certified. She said this is an adult event and there are no children. Ms. Mojica said that all of the paperwork is in order. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. All in favor. Roll call vote 3-0.

5. Application for a One Day Liquor License at Omen Psychic Parlor, 184 Essex Street on May 4, 2024 for 25 people from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Belthane Sabbat Ritual. Applicant: Omen Psychic Parlor.

Katelyn (last name inaudible) from OMEN presented the application. She said that the manager is Meg Lacrue and she is TIPS certified and will be serving. She said this is always a small event and they rarely have 25 people and it is 21+. Ms. Mojica said all of the paperwork is in order. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. All in favor. Roll call vote 3-0.

6. Application for a Change of Manager at 331 Lafayette Street. Applicant: Saimir Comi, PZA Pizza.

Mr. Barrett asked Mr. Comi what his background was. Mr. Comi said that he has been in the restaurant business since 1999. He said he owned his own restaurant up until two years ago. He said the owner of PZA is looking for someone to manage and run the restaurant. Ms. Mojica said that all of the paperwork is in order. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. All in favor. Roll call vote 3-0.

7. Application for an Alteration of Premise at 125 Washington St. to permanently add an additional 1,520 square feet of outdoor patio space in the front of the restaurant. Applicant: M&B Restaurant LLC d/b/a Ledger.

Kelsey Tenor presented the application. She said they are applying for a continuation of the extended outdoor patio dining space as they were allowed to do during COVID. She said the extended space adds about 15 tables. She said they will install tap boards and lights along the perimeter and “no alcohol beyond this point” signage. Ms. Greel asked if it’s the same set up ad the last two years. Ms. Tenor said it was. Ms. Mojica said she still needs to reach out to ADA commission and the Building Dept. Ms. Greel motioned to approve pending all departmental approvals. Mr. Santo seconded. All in favor. Roll call vote 3-0.

8. Application for an Alteration of Premise at 121 Essex Street to permanently add an additional 330 square feet of outdoor patio space in the street in the front of the restaurant. Applicant: SITI LLC d/b/a Olde Main Street Pub.

Kieran O’Neil, owner, presented the application. He said he is applying for a continuation of the extended outdoor patio dining space as they were allowed to do during COVID. He said the patio they have is custom made and taken down and stored each year. HE said the additional outdoor patio seating provides an additional 24 seats. He said there have been no issues with his outdoor dining. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. All in favor. Roll call vote 3-0.

9. Application for an Alteration of Premise at 282 Derby Street to permanently add 320 square feet of outdoor patio space in the front of the restaurant. Applicant: All Souls, LLC d/b/a All Souls Lounge.

Jen Tran, co-owner, presented the application. She said she would like to do the same and keep her outdoor dining patio post COVID. She said the patio is over two parking spaces and provides for 5 tables and twenty seats. She said patrons are seated and served by staff. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. All in favor. Roll call vote 3-0.

10. Application for an Alteration of Premise at 148 Derby Street to permanently add 490 square feet of outdoor patio space in the front of the restaurant. Applicant: Brook Trout Restaurant Group LLC d/b/a Mercy Tavern.

Griffin Dunn, owner presented the application. He said he is seeking the same as the previous applicants to continue his outdoor dining after COVID. HE said it is located on the new extended sidewalk and provides for 7 tables and they serve through the kitchen and side door. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. All in favor. Roll call vote 3-0.

11. Continued public hearing on proposed regulation to prohibit the sale, for consumption off premise, of alcohol in containers smaller than 100 ml.

This Item was heard first on the Agenda. Mr. Barrett said this agenda item will be continued until the May 13th meeting. He said he would like more date a from vendors. He said Mr. Santo will speak explain better what the Board is looking for. Mr. Santo said they would like to see exact nip sales and ither sales broken down. He said not just dollar amounts He said break it out to 50 ml & 100 ml as they are trying to put all of this in context. He said one store did exactly that and it was very helpful. Mr. Barrett said that is what everyone should try and do.

*Mr. Rajan Patel from Market Wine & Spirits spoke and asked if they can forward the store that did that so they have something to follow. Mr. Santo said it should also show how the 50ml and 100 ml sales fit into total sales. Re: food, tobacco, etc. over a 12 month period. He said also showing multi packs of nips (5&10) or individual. Ms. Greel motioned to continue until May 13. Mr. Santo seconded. All in favor. Roll call vote 3-0.

OLD/NEW:

***Mr Alan Hansom from SATV said he missed the recording of the beginning of the meeting and asked if it could be sent to him. Ms. Mojica said that she would let Ms. Rennard know.

***Sgt. Ball spoke about an incident at Village Tavern and said Ms. Rennard is discussing it with Mr. Barrett.

***Sgt. Ball said that he and Ms. Mojica went to a two day alcohol training. He said he spoke with Ms. Rennard and is looking to add requirements for police details for 12C catered events. He said he will have those changes for the Board to adopt in a meeting in May.

***Ms. Greel asked when Witch's Brew would be called in for a follow up. Ms. Mojica said that she will put them on the Agenda for an update at the May 22 meeting.

12. Adjournment: 7:07PM. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. All in favor. Roll call vote: 3-0.