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MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

A meeting of the Licensing Board was held on October 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Gary Barrett and members Deborah Greel and Gary Santo, Jr., Melissa Mojica, Clerk of the Board and City Solicitor, Beth Rennard for part of the meeting. Absent was: Special Investigator, Sgt. Mike Ball.

1. Application for a Paranormal Expo and Psychic Presentation at Salem State University at 352 Lafayette St. on from for people. Applicant: Charles Rosenay and several readers for the event: Applicants: Michelle Montoya, Irene Sheades and Angela Alden.

Mr. Rosenay presented the application. He said he is holding the ParaCon Convention at SSU on November 12th & 13th. He said there will be about 50 vendors and special guests on the paranormal and a handful of readers. Ms. Rennard suggested that any approvals be subject to CORI checks. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

2. Application to amend an Entertainment License to include a dance floor and dancing by patrons. Applicant: Village Tavern, Essex St.

Alex and Andre Ingemi presented the application. Andrew said that it was brought to his attention that he needed to add dancing by patrons to his entertainment license. He said they try and keep count of patrons on the dance floor and limit it to 80. He said his staff counts. Mr. Barrett asked if there is a cap for the dance floor. Andrew said 88 but there is never more than 80. Ms. Greel asked if the dance floor is in a separate room. Andrew said that Friday and Saturday nights they use the function room for dance and sometimes on Thursdays. He said all nights are from 9:30 to 12:30am. Ms. Greel asked if they had a DJ during those times. Andrew said they did. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

3. Application for an Entertainment License to include acoustic and electric guitar, singer on October 28th, 2022 at Charlotte Forten Park from 7-9:30pm. Set up:4-6pm and breakdown 10-11pm. Applicant: Carbo Productions

Joseph Carbo presented the application. He said they would set up between 3-7 and play between 7-9:30pm. He said there will be two small PA systems and his son will be singing to music. He said this is not for any profit just a fun family event. Ms. Greel asked about the guitars. Mr. Carbo said there will be an acoustic guitar and a harmonica and a back track playing bass drums. He said their performance are well received and they've done this a number of times. Mr. Santo motioned to approve as long as decibel levels are complied with. Ms. Greel seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0. Ms. Rennard suggested they download an app to measure sound.

4. Application for a Class II Auto Dealers License at 31R Boston St. Applicant: VW Gas, LLC d/b/a V Auto Sales.

Valentine Nanah presented the application. He said he purchased the building at the location and would like to have a Class II to accommodate it. Mr. Rennard said all the paperwork is in order. Ms. Greel motioned to approve for up to 17 cars per architect plan. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

5. Application for a Class II Auto Dealers License at 171 Boston St. Applicant: Todisco Services, Inc.

Attorney Joseph Correnti presented the application with owner Pat Todisco. Atty. Correnti said they are seeking permission to have up to six cars for sale and it would be by appointment only. He said the drawing shows the spaces. He said there would be no signage or advertisement at the address. He said the lot is lighted and fenced in. Ms. Greel asked how the back area is accessed. Atty. Correnti said on the side street not the main street. Attorney Alma Begirae said she represents the abutters at 26 Aborn Street and they oppose. She said the abutters home is just a fence away. She said that the family has lost quiet enjoyment for years because of this business. She said they have made numerous complaints and Todisco has done nothing at all to try and address any of them. She said it is a constant problem with noise during and after business hours. She said heavy equipment operates all hours of the day and night. She said they cannot even enjoy their own backyard. She said cars are being unloaded all night long in the middle of the night, car alarms that they don't have the keys for go off in the middle of the night for hours, lights are shining at the house all night and people have to wake up in the morning. She said they have tried to be good neighbors and contact Mr. Todisco but they have had to call the police. She said nothing has changed. She said the drivers are loud and it is like they are in our bedroom. She said Mr. Todisco is a nice person but life and health have been disrupted. Ms. Greel asked the hours of operation because it sounds like 24 hours. Atty. Correnti said unfortunately the neighbors live next to a tow yard. He said they are in and out all night because they contract with the City. He said it is that kind of operation. Mr. Barrett said that it's been a tow company for as long as he can remember. Atty. Correnti said he is sympathetic to neighbors, but this is the last impactful thing to add to their business. He said only by appointment will people be there to see vehicles. Ms. Greel asked the hours for this part of the business. Atty. Correnti said they will limit to a 9-5 kind of operation. Faith, an abutter on Aborn St. said that she agrees with Ms. Begirae. She said the noise is all the time. She said she actually went to City Hall to see if Aborn St. could be a One Way because of the in and out and the City said they couldn't. She said the noise is unreal and does not think anything more should be added. She said a young girl was hit on Aborn St. and her fence has been knocked down. She said there is already too much happening on this street. She said she pays her taxes too and should be able to enjoy her home and sleep at night. Mr. Barrett said this application is separate from the other tow operation. Mr. Todisco said it is hard to find a way to get around the issue of car alarms going off at night. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

6. Application for a One Day Liquor License on October 31, 2022 from 11:00am to 10:00pm for 1200 people for a Halloween Beer tent at Federal & Washington St. Applicant: The Anthem Group.

Ellen Talkowsky, Special Projects Coordinator presented the application with Shelby Elwell from the Anthem Group. Ms. Talkowsky said the City has hosted a beer tent for the last 12 years. She said this year it will be run by Anthem Group who is very popular and seasoned in the Greater Boston area. Mr. Barrett asked for the times saying he does not remember it being so long in the past. Ms. Talkowsky said that also included set up time but they can roll the hours back if that's what the Board requested. She said it is usually 2-10pm. Ms. Greel asked about a limit for number of drinks. Ms. Talkowsky said that Anthem Group can do whatever the Board directs. She said amending the hours 2-10pm is no issue. Mr. Barrett said he thinks that is still long but will agree. Ms. Elwell said they will make last call at 9:30pm. Ms. Greel asked to limit ticket sales. Ms. Elwell agreed. She said the service is pay at bar and all the tenders are certified. She also said they

run the Charlestown Navy Yard and are familiar with all rules and regulations. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

7. Application for a One Day Liquor License on November 5, 2022 from 7-10pm for 16 people for a Wedding at House of the Seven Gables, 115 Derby St. Applicant: Sarah DePompeo.

Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

8. Application for three One Day Liquor Licenses on November 4, 2022 from 7:30-11:30pm for 300 people for a NS CDC Pink Party at 96 Lafayette St. 2nd Floor and on November 12, 2022 from 2:30-5:00pm for 250 people for a Library Dedication Donor Reception at SSU-Berry Library and on November 10, 2022 from 5:30-7:30 for 40 people for a Social with Salem Chamber at Eastern Bank, 37 Central St. Applicant: North Shore Bartending.

Ms. McCabe of North Shore Bartending presented and said she has put in for detail officers. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

9. Application for a new sub-licensee fortune telling license at A Sacred Place, East India Mall. Applicant: Anais Sullivan.

Ms. Sullivan presented the application and said she has been doing reading since 2010. Ms. Greel motioned to approve pending CORI. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

10. Approval of Meeting minutes from September 12 & 26, 2022. Ms. Greel recommended some edits on three items. Mr. Barrett said they would approve next month.

11. Old/New Business: NONE

12. Adjournment: 7:30 pm. Ms. Greel motioned to adjourn. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.