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### **MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the Salem Licensing Board was held on Monday, **January 30, 2017** at 6:45 p.m., at City Hall Annex, 120 Washington Street in the third-floor meeting room. In attendance: Chairman Bob St. Pierre, member Rick Lee, Clerk of the Board, Melissa Pagliaro and Special Investigator, Det. Sgt. Gaudet. Absent was Chairman member Paul Flores.

1. Application for a One Day Liquor License on 2/18/17 for 25 people from 4-6pm at the Pickering House for a talk. Applicant: Olde Ipswich Tours.

Hugh Barns presented the application and said he is on the Board of trustees. He said they are requesting to serve wine for a talk and that it is a small event. Mr. Lee motioned to approve. Mr. St. Pierre seconded. Motion carries.

2. Continued: Application for two Individual Fortunetelling Licenses at 221 Essex St. Applicants: Timothy D'Entremont and licensee Alyssa Camuso.

Mr. St. Pierre said they would approve Individual licenses for both applicants tonight. Sgt. Gaudet asked what the exact plans are. Mr. D'Entremont said they will be holding readings. Mr. Lee motioned to approve. Mr. St. Pierre seconded. Motion carries.

3. Application for a Common Victualler's License. Applicant: Promised Land Donuts, Inc. d/b/a Honey Dew Donuts at 99 Washington Street

Continued to February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

4. Application for a several One Day Liquor Licenses, Entertainment Licenses and Blanket Vendor Licenses for the Annual Salem Jazz and Soul 2017 Festival to be held in August and various Entertainment to be held May-August.

Continued until February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

5. Application for an Annual All Alcohol License through Special Legislation at 41 Lafayette Street. Applicant: Ragazza Hospitality Group, Inc. d/b/a Kokeshi

Larry Lebowitz and Tim Haigh presented the application. Mr. St. Pierre asked about the application. Larry said this is the same restaurant they had applied for a little prematurely in the past. He said it will be a mix of Asian Street food and Ramen and they will serve craft cocktails. He said it is in the Salem Laundry building between the Cheese Shop and AJ King Bakery. He said they are looking to open at 11am and close at regular liquor establishments closing hours. He said they would like music through a stereo and live

acoustic entertainment. Mr. St. Pierre said that he needs to be very specific as to what they want to have for Entertainment. Tim said they request entertainment 7 days a week with live acoustic on Friday and Saturdays up to a 4-piece band. Mr. St. Pierre said that he would like for them to come back to request Entertainment at the next meeting rather than the Board approving it now. Sgt. Gaudet asked if they are still under construction. Tim said they were. Sgt. Gaudet highly suggested them soundproofing good because of other noise issues at that location. Larry said he reached out to all the abutters by having two sessions to meet with them. He said they spoke to them about their business plan and said that they run a hospitable business.

6. Application for a Transfer of an All Alcohol License and an Alteration of Premise at 94 Lafayette Street. Applicant: Smokin' Betty Corporation d/b/a Smokin' Betty's BBQ.

Attorney Christina Mihos presented the application with Steve Feldman, owner and Erin Oliver, manager and Todd Bakesha, cook. Attorney Mihos said that this is a Transfer of an Annual All Alcohol License at 94 Lafayette Street owned by RCG but was formerly Red LuLu. She said Steve currently owns two other businesses in Salem, the Flying Saucer and the Gulu Gulu Café. She said they are also seeking an Alteration of Premise to include an outdoor patio and that the space will mostly stay the same except for touch up work. Mr. St. Pierre asked about the outdoor seating. Attorney Mihos said it will be outdoor in the back alley and they have been working with the Building Dept. on it. Mr. Lee motioned to approve the Application for the Transfer. Mr. St. Pierre seconded. Motion carries. Attorney Mihos said they have also filed an application for Entertainment. Mr. Feldman said that this will be a family fun environment. He said he'd like to have Entertainment 7 days a week with 3 tv's, music through and iPod, a record player, bingo, and live music up to 7 pieces every night. Sgt. Gaudet asked if he expected to have large late night crowds. Steve said that it will be a fun family restaurant with line dancing and no cash prizes for bingo, maybe just gif cards or t-shirts. Mr. Lee motioned to approve the Entertainment License. Mr. St. Pierre seconded. Motion carries.

Application for a Seasonal All Alcohol Liquor License & Entertainment License. Applicant: The Good Wolf, LLC d/b/a Mercy Tavern, 148 Derby Street.

Pat Shultz presented the application. He said that the License for the Pig's Eye Restaurant at this address was not renewed. He said he is applying for a Seasonal All Alcohol License with the hopes of pursuing a conversion to an Annual License. He is hoping that ABCC will approve his application by April 1. He said he has just some cosmetic remodeling and changed the name. He said it is a completely new restaurant. He said that a certain percent of his revenue will be going to charity.

Mr. St. Pierre asked about the Entertainment he was applying for. Mr. Schultz said he would like to have 2 tv's, and iPod and live music Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and one other night for an open mic night. He said that he has done some major soundproofing, mainly on the side door. He said that was something suggested by some of the neighbors across the street because of the hollow walls and he made some changes to the door and put in a solid soundproof wood door. He said the police came by before Pigs Eye closed and he was told the sound levels were ok. Sgt. Gaudet said he does not know when that was but he is the only one with a sound meter to be able to measure if its ok or not. Mr. Schultz said in all fairness it is usually Mr. White who calls and complains the

most. Sgt. Guadet said he speaks to Mr. White frequently. He said that there are other neighbors that have concerns. He said one of his issues is the volume of the music and the other is the patrons and their behavior outside of the establishment. Mr. Shultz said that there is not so much he can do about people outside. Sgt. Gaudet disagreed. He said that adequate lighting can be added, he said there can be door persons added to observe outside, He said that he felt that the last month Pat was running the Pig that he was disrespectful to the neighbors with some complaints of music running longer than it should. Mr. Shultz said that he really did try and be respectful of neighbors, he said that he has added sound proofing and that he has rolled back live music 2 nights as to what the Pig had. Sgt. Gaudet suggest that he soundproof the best he can. He said one of the other concerns was the behavior of some of the past bands in there, that they would go out into the public and get high and then go back into the establishment and perform. Sgt. Gaudet said that they can't hold the Pig's Eye responsible for every issue down there and said its sound like he is trying to all the right things with the new place. Mr. St. Pierre said that he did a great job with the Howling Wolf and he hopes he does as good as job here. Mr. Lee motioned to approve the Entertainment License as requested on application. Mr. St. Pierre seconded. Motion carries.

7. Old/New Business: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2017. Mr. Lee motioned to approve. Mr. St. Pierre seconded. Motion carries.

8. Adjournment. Mr. Lee motioned to adjourn. Mr. St. Pierre seconded.

Melissa Pagliaro  
Clerk of the Board

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