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### **MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the Salem Licensing Board was held on Monday, **May 8, 2017** at 6:45 p.m., at City Hall Annex, 120 Washington Street in the third-floor meeting room. In attendance: Chairman, Robert St. Pierre, Member Paul Flores, Clerk of the Board, Melissa Pagliaro. Absent was Rick Lee and Sgt. Gaudet.

1. Application for various Street Performers Licenses. Applicant: Colby Sherwin, Robert Calef, and Michael Hastings.

Michael Hasting was the only applicant present. He said that he wanted to play acoustic guitar and sing. Mr. Flores motioned to approve. Chairman St. Pierre seconded and said motion carries.

2. Application for an Entertainment License. Applicant: The Ledger, Washington Street.  
Applicant was not present.

3. Application for a One Day Liquor License on June 17, 2017 for a Wedding at 115 Derby Street, House of the Seven Gables, from 4:30-10:00pm for 150 people. Applicant: Amanda Desmond.

Deb Costa presented the application and submitted a check for the license and said all paperwork is in order. Mr. Flores motioned to approve. Chairman St. Pierre seconded and said motion carries.

4. Application for a One Day Liquor License on September 9, 2017 for a Wedding at 115 Debry Street, House of the Seven Gables, from 4:45-8:00pm for 180 people. Applicant: Dorothy Keenan.

Deb Costa presented the application and submitted a check for the license and said all paperwork is in order. Mr. Flores motioned to approve. Chairman St. Pierre seconded and said motion carries.

5. Application for nine (9) One Day Liquor Licenses for various events: two events for Lifebridge on 5/19 for an Art Auction from 5-9pm for 75 people at Old Town Hall and on 6/21 for a Fundraiser from 5-9pm for 100 people at Old Town Hall, three events for Salem YMCA on 5/30 for a Donor Appreciation from 5:30-8pm for 50 people at Ames Hall, on 5/17 for a Staff Appreciation from 6-8pm for 50 people at Ames Hall and 6/25 for a Artist Row Fundraiser from 12-6pm for 200 people at Ames Hall, an event for Salem Athenaeum on 6/4 for a Garden Party from 1-5pm for 75 people at 133 Essex St., Phoenix School for 6/2 for a Clambake Fundraiser from 5-9:30pm for 150 people at House of the Seven Gables, Salem Rotary Club on 5/20 for a lunch event from 12-2pm for 60 people at the House of the Seven Gables and for Lisa Nosil for a Wedding Cocktail hour on 5/13 from 4-7:30pm for 175 people at the House of the Seven Gables. Applicant: North Shore Bartending, George McCabe.

Ms. Pagliaro presented the applications for Mr. McCabe. She said that all of the paperwork is in order and except for one of the events they are all nonprofit and would ask the Board to waive the fee for those. Mr. Flores motioned to approve and waive the fee for all the applications except the wedding reception. Chairman St. Pierre seconded and said the motion carries.

6. Application for a One Day Liquor License for the Annual Greek Picnic at Winter Island on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Applicant: Pam Kasaris

Ms. Pagliaro presented the application for Pam. She explained to the Board that this is the same event they have held for several years and much success. Mr. Flores motioned to approve. Chairman St. Pierre seconded and said the motion carries.

7. Application for a One Day Liquor License on June 3, 2017 for a COPA Show from 5:00 - 9:00 pm for 150 people at the Witch Dr. Gallery, 109 Lafayette Street. Applicant: John Arnold.

The Board voted to approve the application contingent upon approval from both the Building and Fire Dept. because this is a retail establishment not a place of gathering. Mr. Flores motioned contingent upon the approval of the departments listed above. Chairman St. Pierre agrees and seconds and said motion carries.

8. Application for a One Day Outdoor Entertainment License for NS Pride Parade on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 9:00 pm on the outdoor patio. Applicant: Murphy's, Derby Street.

Peter Kelly, owner of Murphy's presented the application. He said this is so that they can have entertainment to host the after party for the parade. He said this is the 4<sup>th</sup> year and there have been no issues in the past. Mr. Flores motioned to approve. Chairman St. Pierre seconded and said motion carries.

9. Application for the 2017 Farmers Market. Applicant: Salem Main Street, Kylie Sullivan

Applicant could not be preset. Requested to be heard at May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

10. Application for a Sub Licensee Fortunetelling License for Crow Haven Corner at 125 Essex Street. Applicant: Jodi L. Ventura.

Jodi presented the application to be a tarot reader for Crow Haven Corner. Mr. Flores motioned to approve pending CORI check. Chairman St. Pierre seconded and said motion carries.

11. Application for a Renewal of an Individual Fortuneteller's License. Applicant: Linda Weinbaum.

Linda Weinbaum presented he application for the renewal and said she has read for many years both in stores in Salem and in her home. Mr. Flores motioned to approve. Chairman St. Pierre seconded and said the motion carries.

12. Application for an Individual Fortunetellers License. Applicant: Irene Metazakis.

Irene presented the application and said she would like an Individuals license to read out of an office she has leased on Essex Street. Mr. Flores motioned to approve pending the CORI check. Chairman St. Pierre seconded and said the motion carries.

13. Application for two (2) Renewals of Store Fortunetelling Licenses. Applicants: Hex and OMEN, Essex Street.

Tim Regan, manager, presented the application and said this is just to renew both of the Store Licenses. Mr. Flores motioned to approve. Chairman St. Pierre seconded and said the motion carries.

14. Application for a Common Victualler & Entertainment License at 88 Congress Street. Applicant: Salem Tipico Restaurant.

Michilades Pichardo, owner, presented the application. Chairman St. Pierre asked about hours and seating. Mr. Pichardo said the hours will be Monday – Wednesday from 7am to 10pm and on Thursday – Sunday from 7am-11pm. Mr. Flores asked about the entertainment License for one television. Mr. Pichardo said that was it. In the audience was Christine Hatch who wanted to speak. She said she is the executive Director at the Community center daycare next door. She said parents and children use the side door where the restaurant's dumpster is located and it is horrible to walk by. She said it smells very bad and leaks fluids. Mr. Pichardo said as the new owners this is where it was and has been and there is nowhere else to put it that he knows it. He said they will keep it and the area as clean as possible. Christine said it is impossible to keep a dumpster filled with trash and food clean. Mr. Pichardo said that they chose to use the side door and not the front entrance to the building. Christine said that is for safety reasons because the main entrance is on Congress Street, a main street. Chairman St. Pierre asked if there was another place to put it. Christine said maybe the other side of the building. Mr. Pichardo said the other side is what residents use to come in and out of the building. Christine said it a constant problem. Chairman St. Pierre said there was a similar issue with Salem House and the Board had them put fencing around it. Mr. Pichardo said it is fenced in already. Chairman St. Pierre asked Ms. Pagliaro to be in touch with the Health Department and have Sgt. Gaudet go by once he returns for some resolution. Christine said the dumpster smells and is dirty and they have not even opened yet. Chairman St. Pierre said the Board would approve contingent upon Sgt. Gaudet and the Board of Health weighing in on this matter. Mr. Flores motioned to approve. Chairman St. Pierre seconded and said motion carries.

Mr. Flores motioned to approve one television. Chairman St. Pierre seconded and said motion carries.

15. Application for a Lodging House License at 179 Boston Street. Applicant: Harbor Light Community Partners, Inc.

Andrew DeFranza presented the application. He said they are turning 43 Boston Street into apartments and are going to keep 179 Boston Street as a Lodging House until they do the same there. The chairman asked what they did at 43. Andrew said they are turning it into 12 apartments and then they will do the same in about a year for 179 Boston which will become 14 apartments.

Mr. Flores motioned to approve. Chairman St. Pierre seconded and said motion carries.

16. Discussion for proposed regulations regarding outdoor entertainment for restaurants.

Some of the neighbors were present including Bonnie Bellair, Theresa Kennedy, Louise Michaud and Connie Hoar. Bonnie said that she has lived above Vic Station for four years. She says that they go beyond their entertainment license including handing six speakers outdoors 10 feet from her living space windows and she said they do not have those on their license. She said she has tried to speak to them but they are not nice neighbors. She said last Saturday she called police and waited for a half hour and is not sure if they came after she went back in. The Chairman asked if they also have bands. She said they sometimes do. Bonnie said that the level is so loud that her walls vibrate on top of it going until 12:45 am and then people smoking and talking until 1:30 am. She said that she intends to talk to the Rockets but has not yet. She said she invites the Board to her home to listen to what she has to from the inside. She said she's not opposed to music but she is especially outside where everyone has to hear it.

Theresa Kennedy said that she is new to the area but at 10pm last night it was very, very loud because she had her windows open. Chairman St. Pierre said that he would like to call Vic Station in for a discussion for the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Bonnie and Claire spoke about how Brodie's used to be a gas station and then a fish market and then a restaurant and now a restaurant with Entertainment, they said it use to be music here and there but now it has escalated. They said you can hear the music with the doors shut 40 feet away. She said they are not that big for having the size bands they have and want and for four or more nights a week loud amplified music. They said allowing this kind of entertainment in this venue will make complaints a whole lot worse. Chairman St. Pierre does not suggests adding additional entertainment to Brodie's and Sgt. Gaudet should police what they have now. Claire said that it has become all about the merchants and never about the residents. Bonnie said that she is not suggesting no music, just not outdoor music. Louise Michaud added that it is just so loud already along with the people and the noise. Claire said if outdoor speakers or entertainment is allowed, this situation will only get worse. Louise said she agrees with the others in that the area is already too, too loud for the residents that live there already. She said these places come in as a restaurant and turn themselves into more of a bar and entertainment venue. Chairman St. Pierre said he somewhat agreed with that. Bonnie said there are lots of empty condos down there right now because of these issues and she thinks most can be fair and agree entertainment for inside but not for outside. Mr. Flores motioned to bring Vic Station in for a discussion on May 22, 2017. Chairman St. Pierre seconded and said motion carries.

17. Old/New Business: NONE
18. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 24, 2017. Chairman St. Pierre motioned to approve. Mr. Flores seconded.
19. Adjournment: Chairman St, Pierre motioned to adjourn. Mr. Flores seconded.

Melissa Pagliaro  
Clerk of the Board

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