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MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Salem Licensing Board was held on **Tuesday, August 8, 2017** at 5:00 p.m., at City Hall Annex, 120 Washington Street in the third-floor meeting room. In attendance: Chairman Bob St. Pierre, member Paul Flores, Clerk of the Board, Melissa Pagliaro, Special Investigator, Sgt. Doyle and City Solicitor Elizabeth Rennard. Absent was member Rick Lee.

1. Applications for several Street Performers Licenses. Applicants: Brian Fanning, Carissa Angelo, Samantha Dupuis, Anthony Parker, Benjamin Ruth, Cormac Hinchey, Kristen Hale, Aaron Collins, Lev Neyman, Joshua Rodriquez and Ashley Arnold.

Absent was: Samantha Dupuis, Croman Hinchey, Kristin Hale.

Sgt. Gaudet spoke about an issue last year with the drummers arguing with other performers and said that that type of behavior is not acceptable and won't be tolerated. Mr. Rodriquez and Mr. Neyman said that there were no issues and that they have sound meters as well to control their levels. Sgt. Gaudet reviewed the rules & regulations with the applicants. Mr. St. Pierre said he would accept a motion to approve these applications. Mr. Flores said so moved.

2. Application for six (6) One Day Liquor Licenses. Applicant: George McCabe, NS Bartending.

*Essex National Heritage Commission for a retirement celebration from 4-8pm on 8/15/17 at Visitors Center, 2 Liberty Street for 75 people.

*Salem Park & Rec Dept. for a Drive-In Movie night from 6:30-10:30pm on 8/31/17 at Winter Island for 200+ people.

*Bridge@211 for a Sip N Paint Night from 6-10pm on 9/8/17 at 211 Bridge Street for 50 people.

*Matt Schmalzle for a Wedding from 1-7pm on 9/10/17 at The House of the Seven Gables, Essex St. for 70 people.

*Robert Richardson for a Wedding from 4-9:30pm on 8/22/17 at the Pickering House, Broad Street for 90 people.

*Brook House for a Business After Hours Event from 5-7pm on 9/13/17 at 180 Derby Street for 60 people.

Mr. McCabe said that 4 of the applications are nonprofit. Mr. Flores said the Board will waive the fee for the Salem nonprofit and he has submitted payment for the other two wedding events. He said all of the paperwork is in order. Mr. St. Pierre said he will accept a motion to approve. Mr. Flores said so moved.

3. Application for a new Store Fortunetelling License and 3 sub-licensees, Amanda Cutone, Heather McCrae and Makayla McCrae. Applicant: Dark Moon Healing, 96 Boston Street.

Donna, the owner said this is for a new store on Boston Street and some readers. Ms. Pagliaro said that all of the paperwork is in order and CORI's have been done. Mr. St. Pierre said he will accept a motion to approve. Mr. Flores said so moved.

4. Application for an Entertainment License at 61 Wharf Street for acoustic live music. Applicant: The Witchery.

Applicant was not present.

5. Application for an Entertainment license. Applicant: Hotel Salem LLC on Essex Street.

Ellen Blood and Rich Cooper presented the application. Mr. St. Pierre asked them to tell the Board what they were looking for in terms of entertainment. Mr. Cooper said that they are looking to have small speakers for outdoor dinner music, up to a two-piece acoustic live band on rooftop, piped in music and tv's. Ms. Blood said the rooftop will be seasonal thru October. Mr. St. Pierre said that there appear to be some abutters that would like to speak on this matter. Gayle Alan from 20 Central St. said she'd like to know the hours the speakers would be on. Mr. Cooper said he is not exactly sure but it would just be light background music. Ms. Alan said that they would really like to know hours. Ms. Blood said those were to be determined. Ms. Rennard said the Board needs the hours as well. Ms. Blood reiterated that it will be seasonal may through October. Ms. Alan said they would like to hear hours and days of music. Ms. Blood said most likely seven days. Mr. Flores suggested they think about the exact plan for entertainment a bit more and come back in September for approval. Abutter Jim Atter asked about music in the basement area. Mary Best from 20 Central said that she understood the hotel rooftop will be used for weddings. Mr. Cooper said it is a small space and the full functions will be held in function room in basement. Mr. St. Pierre said they will have to come back with solid times. Ms. Best said she is concerned about having no times at all. Ms. Rennard said the City has hired a sound engineer to work on improving noise regulations and the noise level will be set by ordinance. An abutter said that soundproofing doesn't help when the doors open. He said there was an issue about an exit and where it would be that was a concern. Mr. Cooper said the door being referred to will only be an emergency exit. Chairman St. Pierre said Melissa will put this back on for the September meeting.

6. Application for an Alteration of Premise to add an outdoor patio. Applicant: Diamond Hospitality d/b/a Sideline's, 105 Canal Street.

Adam Drohan, owner, was present. He said he was here at last meeting to add a patio and then heard there was some issues with the some of the abutters. He said he coordinated a meeting with the abutters and the Ward Councilor. He said some abutters attended but the Counselor did not. He said he has owned the restaurant for two years and waited to add the small patio area. He gave some pictures of the lot to the Board to review. Mr. St. Pierre asked about all of the trees on the back of the lot. Mr. Drohan said there is a thick line of trees at the back of the property separating the abutters from his lot. Mr. Flores asked how wide the patio was going to be. Mr. Drohan said about 10 feet. He said that it's a small patio and he would like to have a couple of small speakers out there and a couple of tv's. he said the patio will seat about 32 patrons and

have a gate around it and an emergency exit. Sgt. Gaudet said there have been no complaints at that establishment. Ms. Rennard suggested set hours for the patio. She said possibly midnight on Friday and Saturday and 11pm for Sunday and the rest of the week. Mr. St. Pierre said he would accept a motion to approve the patio area and have a trial period of one month from the time it opens to see how it goes. Mr. Flores said so moved.

7. Old/New Business:

New: Application for Aaron Collins for Street Performing. Sgt. Doyle said there were a couple of issues to look into further with his application and Ms. Rennard said he should come see her in her office sometime next week.

Old: Ms. Rennard said we are working on the sound study and that should be done soon.

New: Two abutters that live above the Boston Burger Company location at 141 Washington Street, Units # 6& 7, said they would like to see if they can set up a meeting with the new owners to discuss some concerns. Sgt. Doyle suggested that they set up a meeting with the owners and the Ward Councilor to address any concerns and see if they can address. Ms. Rennard got their information and said she could coordinate that for them. Sgt. Doyle said he could offer a meeting room at the station if they need it to meet.

8. Application for an Alteration of Premise to add interior space and a second outdoor patio. Applicant: Village Tavern, East India Mall.

Andrew and Arthur Ingemi arrived after their matter was first called on agenda. The Board voted to allow the Alteration of Promise on the inside of the restaurant which included additional seating space and restrooms, but denied the request for an Alteration of Premise of their outdoor patio. Ms. Rennard informed the Board that the plan for the outdoor space was now proposed as only for the month of October (or certain days only in October) and an alteration of premise is not an appropriate method for this because the alteration of premise approves an alteration to be used throughout the year. Mr. St. Pierre said he would entertain a motion for the inside alteration only. Mr. Flores said so moved. Mr. St. Pierre said he would entertain a motion to deny an Outdoor Patio Alteration. Mr. Flores said so moved. All in favor.

9. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 31, 2017

10. Adjournment

Melissa Pagliaro
Clerk of the Board