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MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Salem Licensing Board was held on Monday, September 25, 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 Paul Flores, Acting Clerk of the Board, Joanne M. Roomey, Special Investigator, Sgt. Doyle and City Solicitor Elizabeth Rennard. Absent was Clerk of the Board, Melissa Pagliaro.

Chairman St. Pierre informed the audience that member Rick Lee passed away recently. A moment of silence was held.

1. Application for a Blanket License for Haunted Happenings 2017 for Entertainment and vending and local events around the City during October, Applicant: Ellen Talkowsky, Special Events Coordinator.

Ms. Talkowsky reviewed the October schedule with the Board including Food Trucks on the Common, Haunting Happenings, New England Open Markets, Wicked Wednesdays, Halloween night and Biz Baz. All applications were in order.

Chairman St. Pierre stated he would accept a motion to approve these applications. Mr. Flores said so moved. The Blanket License was approved.

2. Application for a Transfer of an Annual Wine & Malt License at Jefferson Ave, currently OKEA, Applicant: Queen Gourmet, Inc.

Applicant requested a continuance to the next meeting on October 10, 2017.

Chairman St. Pierre stated he would accept a motion to continue to next meeting. Mr. Flores said so moved. The matter was continued.

3. Application to change the DBA of a Wine & Malt package store. Applicant: 7-Eleven, currently Tedeschi, Loring Ave.

Pervez Chowdhury appeared on behalf of 7-Eleven to change name to Tedeschi.

Chairman St. Pierre stated he would accept a motion to approve. Mr. Flores said so moved. The change of name was approved.

4. Application to change the Pledge of a Liquor License. Applicant: The Ledger, Washington Street.

Applicant did not appear. Matter was continued to next meeting on October 10, 2017.

Chairman St. Pierre stated he would accept a motion to continue to next meeting. Mr. Flores said so moved. The matter was continued.

5. Application for two (2) One Day Liquor Licenses on 9/28/2017 a Show Reception for 50 people from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Cinema Salem and on 9/30 for a Wedding Reception for Joe Skomurski for 75 people from 3:00 - 10:00 p.m. at the House of the Seven Gables. Applicant: George McCabe.

Mr. McCabe presented the applications for these events. All paperwork was in order.

Chairman St. Pierre said he will accept a motion to approve. Mr. Flores said so moved. The licenses were approved.

6. Application for two (2) One Day Liquor Licenses on 10/26/2017 for the Annual Meeting and Dinner for Salem Marine Society for 100 people from 6-10 p.m. and on 12/16/2017 for the Holiday Dance for 325 people from 9:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Applicant: Hamilton Hall, Robin Perry.

Robin Perry said that both of the applications are nonprofit. Mr. Flores said the Board will waive the fees for the nonprofit. He said all of the paperwork is in order.

Chairman St. Pierre said he will accept a motion to approve. Mr. Flores said so moved. The Board voted to approve the licenses and waive the fees.

7. Application for a One Day Liquor License for the Viking Tailgate Celebration on 10/21/2017 for 400 people from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the O'Keefe Center on Canal Street. Applicant: Salem State University, Sean Morrow.

The application for Salem State University's tailgate celebration was approved. Campus police will be onsite. All of the paperwork was in order.

Chairman St. Pierre said he will accept a motion to approve. Mr. Flores said so moved. The license was approved.

8. Application for a One Day Liquor License for an Urban Art Museum Block Party on 9/30/2017 for 200 people from 3 – 8 p.m. on Peabody Street. Applicant: North Shore CDC.

The applicant stated they are working with Notch Brewery to have a beer tent at block party. They will close down Peabody Street, they have police detail and three (3) security guards. Mr. Flores asked if they were tip certified and they responded yes.

Chairman St. Pierre asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Flores said so moved. The license was approved.

9. Application for two (2) One Day Liquor Licenses for the Salem Food Truck Festival on 9/30/17 & 10/1/2017 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for 2000 people each day at the Salem Commons. Applicant: Chris Masci & Wanderlush.

Ace Gershfield appeared to present the application. Solicitor Rennard asked if they were having only beer and wine/cider. and if the tent was going to be roped off. Mr. Gershfield said yes and that they were going to have double barriers, six security guards, bracelets, pull tabs to control max. beverages per person, and police details. Everyone is tip certified.

Chairman St. Pierre said he would accept a motion to approve the application. Mr. Flores said so moved. The application was approved.

10. Application for a One Day Liquor License on 12/8/2017 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for 75 people for a Christmas Party at Old Town Hall. Applicant: Juniper Community Club, Cheryl Vickery.

Cheryle Vickery appeared to present application. All paperwork was in order. Chairman St. Pierre said he would accept a motion to approve. Mr. Flores said so moved. The license was approved.

11. Application for four One Day Liquor Licenses on 10/6, 11/3, 12/1 and 12/10/2017 at 211 Bridge Street from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., all for 75 people for an Exhibit Opening. Applicant: Salem Arts Association.

After hearing from the applicant, Mr. Flores made a motion to waive the fee for non-profit. Chairman St. Pierre seconded that motion and said he would accept a motion to approve the application. Mr. Flores said so moved. The license was approved and fee waived.

12. Application for an Entertainment License for a Fortunetelling Store License at 61 Wharf Street. Applicant: The Witchery.

Margaret McGilvray, owner, presented the application. She said that her landlord conditioned her lease upon getting the license. Chairman St. Pierre seconded that motion and said he would accept a motion to approve the application. Mr. Flores said so moved. The license was approved.

13. Application for an Entertainment License at 203-209 Essex Street. Applicant: Hotel Salem. Ellen Blood and Rich Cooper presented the application.

Neighbors present voiced concerned with music/noise on the roof. Applicant responded that entertainment would be limited to 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on roof and that they would have five-piece band downstairs, but it is sound proofed and only special events and holiday parties. The applicant stated there will be small speakers facing inward on the roof. The applicant presented a detailed plan of entertainment times and types.

Neighbors also raised concern of employee and customers outside smoking. Applicant stated they will have security on street. Ellen Blood provided neighbor Gail with her business card in event she needs to contact her.

Chairman St. Pierre said he would accept a motion to approve the application. Mr. Flores said so moved. The application was approved.

14. Application for 2017 Psychic Fairs. Applicants: Festival of the Dead, Omen and Crow Haven Corner.

The manager from Crow Haven presented the application for owner, Lorelei. She said the fair is just as they have done before for the month of October. Kimberly Branche presented the application for the Festival of the Dead psychic fair inside mall and for OMEN which will be held in the back of the store as done in previous years for the month of October.

Chairman St. Pierre said he would accept a motion to approve the applications for the fairs. Mr. Flores said so moved. The applications were approved.

15. Application for a sub-licensee Fortunetelling License at Magika. Applicant: Richard Wendt.

The applicant and owner Lori Bruno were both present. Ms. Bruno said that Mr. Wendt would be doing readings. Chairman St. Pierre said he would accept a motion to approve the application. Mr. Flores said so moved. The application was approved.

16. Application for a renewal of a Store Fortunetelling License and one sub licensee. Applicant: Maura McComick and A Sacred Place, East India Mall.

Darrell Bennett and Maura presented the applications. Chairman St. Pierre said he would accept a motion to approve the application. Mr. Flores said so moved. The application was approved.

17. Application for a renewal of a Store Fortunetelling License. Applicant: Fatima Physic Studio, 6 Hawthorne Blvd.

Applicant did not appear. The matter was continued to next meeting. Chairman St. Pierre stated he would accept a motion to continue to next meeting. Mr. Flores said so moved. The matter was continued.

18. Application for a Renewal of a Store Fortunetelling License. Applicant: Nu Aeon, 88 Wharf Street. Application for a sub-licensee: Applicant: Kevin Nestor.

Amy Ravich and Kevin Nestor presented the applications. Amy said she is renewing her Store license and Kevin will be reading tarot cards. Chairman St. Pierre said he would accept a motion to approve the applications. Mr. Flores said so moved. The application was approved.

19. Application for a New Store Fortunetelling License. Applicant: The Cauldron Black, Jacqui-Alloiuse-Roberge, 65 Wharf Street. Applications for four sub-licensees. Applicants: Susan Engstrom, Noel Richardson, Jennifer Lapierre and Maureen Marta.

Jacqui-Alloiuse-Roberge presented the applications together with all sub-licensees. Chairman St. Pierre said he would accept a motion to approve the applications. Mr. Flores said so moved. The applications were approved.

20. Application for a new sub licensee at Hauswitch, Washington Street. Applicant: Lauren Hall.

Cheryl Rafuse presented the application. She said that Lauren will be doing readings at the Store. Chairman St. Pierre said he would accept a motion to approve the application. Mr. Flores said so moved. The application was approved.

21. Application for a new sub licensee at The Magic Parlor, Essex Street. Applicant: David Pzenny.

Robert Fitz and David Pzenny presented the application. Ralph said that David will be doing readings. Chairman St. Pierre said he would accept a motion to approve the application. Mr. Flores said so moved. The application was approved.

22. Application for a new sub licensee at Omen, Essex Street. Applicant: Steven Polifka.

Steven presented the application. He said he would be doing readings at OMEN. Chairman St. Pierre said he would accept a motion to approve the applications. Mr. Flores said so moved. The application was approved.

23. Application for three new sub licensees at Crow Haven Corner, Essex Street. Applicants: Candace Ouillette Gaumond, Nicole Green and Varinia del Moral.

The applicants presented the applications. All three will be doing readings at the store. Chairman St. Pierre said he would accept a motion to approve the applications. Mr. Flores said so moved. The applications were approved.

24. Application for 15 One Day Liquor Licenses for 10/6,7,8,9,13,14,15,20,21,22,27,28,28, 30 & 3/2017 from 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. for a Beer Garden on Essex Street Ped Mall. Applicant: Village Tavern.

Arthur and Andrew Ingemi presented the application. Chairman St. Pierre stated that the Board received a letter from the Police Chief that she was opposed to the addition of a beer tent at this location because of the large quantity of people that congregate there. He read the letter to the applicants. The Police Special Investigator also spoke in opposition because of the centralized location, the chief's concern and the lack of barriers for safety area for the general public.

Arthur Ingemi stating he was proposing this to service people. The area is wasted space, people could enjoy stage and entertainment at picnic tables. He said he would have portable toilets too. Arthur thought area could be sectioned off for fast beer and food. The Special Investigator stated he worked many Halloweens and it is concerning when you mix alcohol with crowds that are very congested.

Andrew Ingemi said it would be shut down at 9:00 p.m. He added that there are always lines in front of the restaurant and instead of waiting in line, they could go into the beer tent and grab a pretzel. It is proposed for a quick bite, not supposed to be big party. He planned for 12 security guards.

Mr. Flores motioned to deny the application. Chairman St. Pierre 2nd the motion. The application was denied.

25. Vote of the Board on decibel level regulations for Street Performers to reduce the decibel limits along Essex Street and certain cross streets.

Solicitor Rennard informed the Board that the City Council passed an ordinance to change the decibel levels for noise generated along the Essex Street mall and tributaries. The Ordinance reduces the decibel levels in the Board's regulations by five and changes the hours for loud music. She said she has received complaints from the PEM regarding bucket drummers during the day. The new ordinance limits the decibel level to 65 decibels during

the weekday. She asked the Board to vote to amend their regulations for street performer to be consistent with the ordinance.

City Councilor Heather Famico commented that the regulations should cover tour guides. The Solicitor stated that the City Council ordinance covers anyone generating sound and that the Police will monitor.

Mr. Flores made a motion to amend the regulations as suggested by the Solicitor. Chairman St. Pierre 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

26. New Business: Solicitor Rennard reported that the office received a complaint from residents at 51 Lafayette Street about noise from entertainment at Kokeshi. Chairman St. Pierre asked the Special Investigator to look into the matter and asked the Clerk to send them a letter to come to the next meeting for a discussion/resolution.

27. The Meeting Minutes from August 24, 2017 were approved.

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

28. Adjournment

Mr. Lee motioned to adjourn. Chairman St. Pierre seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne M. Roomey
Acting on behalf of the Clerk