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### **LICENSING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the Salem Licensing Board was held on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall Annex, 98 Washington Street in the first-floor meeting room. Present were: Chairman Bob St. Pierre, member Deb Greel, Clerk of the Board, Melissa Pagliaro and Special Investigator, Sgt. Doyle. Absent was member Paul Flores.

1. Application for multiple Street Performers Licenses. Applicant: Dennis Dulong, Jr., William Ambrose and Nicholas Tranfaglia.

Nicholas Tranfaglia was the only applicant present. He said he read the rules and regulations and understood them. He said he will be in a costume. He said last year he was out and told he needed a license if he was going to be posing for pictures and collecting tips. Ms. Greel motioned to approve the license. Mr. St. Pierre seconded. Motion carried.

2. Application for a One Day Liquor License at SSU on June 1, 2019 for 75 people for a Retirement Party from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Applicant: Patricia Zaido, SSU.

Ms. Zaido presented the application and said that the party is for Jim Fallon, who is retiring after 36 years. She said it is by invite only. Ms. Greel motioned to approve and waive the fee. Mr. St. Pierre seconded. Motion carried.

3. Application for a One Day Liquor License at Salem Art Gallery, 64 Bridge St. on April 30, 2019 for 50 people for a Ritual Celebration from 9:00-11:00. Applicant: Salem Art Gallery.

Alex Medlin presented the application. He said the event is a pre ticketed event for wine only from 9-11 at the gallery and that there will be a licensed bartender serving. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. St. Pierre seconded. Motion carried.

4. Application to amend an Entertainment License by adding live entertainment on 6 Saturdays. Applicant: PLAV, Daniels Street. Saturdays from 6 to 10 pm on May 11, June 8, July 20, August 10, September 14, and October 12, 2019.

Mike Sosnowski presented the application. He said that he is back before the Board with specific dates and times as instructed for live entertainment over the next several months on Saturdays. He also said he spent time at the PD today talking to Cpt. Prosnewski and said that all the complaints since 2007 are invalid and a couple might not even be about the club. Mr. St. Pierre said Ms. Pagliaro will put that in the file and the Board will take that under advisement. Sgt. Doyle said he also has previously presented the same information to the Board. He said there is one complaint since but it is not relative to music. Mr. Sosnowski said that there is an issue at closing time with

patrons that he is working hard to address. He said the issue of the Club's patrons leaving as quietly as possible at the end of the night and they are working hard to take care of that issue but he said they should not be punished with entertainment because of that. He said that the Club has done nothing wrong. Mr. St. Pierre said it is a tough balancing act because the Club is in such a tight neighborhood. Ms. Greel asked if they have tried reaching out to all the neighbors that are close and tried talking to them. She said the Board is not denying the application but thinks maybe it would be helpful if they spoke to the neighbors. Mr. Sosnowski said they have not but that the Club is going to address all of the members personally at a meeting and once they have the meeting date and time set they will invite the neighbors to attend also. Don Sefert who lives across the street said that again, he doesn't have an issue with the music and that his issue is with the closing time and the patrons leaving the Club. He said he was trying to be a good neighbor by never calling the police. Mr. St. Pierre said the Board does not want to be arbitrary and capricious by not granting it. Ms. Greel said she agrees. Sgt. Doyle said if there are any issues the Board can address them with the Club. Ms. Greel motioned to approve the dates and times requested for live, amplified entertainment. Mr. St. Pierre seconded. Motion carried.

5. Application for a Change of Manager and for Change of ownership Interest. Applicant: Far From The Tree, Jackson St.

Alex Snape, owner of Far From the tree presented the application. Ms. Pagliaro said that all of the paperwork to send to the ABCC is in order. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. St. Pierre seconded. Motion carried.

6. Old/New Business:
7. Old: Sgt. Doyle said he received a complaint regarding the Street Performer who plays the saxophone by the PEM. He has yet to connect with him but will do so with the assistance of Ms. Pagliaro.
8. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2019. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. St. Pierre seconded. Motion carried.
9. Adjournment: Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. St. Pierre seconded. Motion carried.

Melissa Pagliaro  
Clerk of the Board

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