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LICENSING BOARD MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

A meeting of the Licensing Board was held on April 11, 2022 at 6 p.m. In attendance were: Chairman Gary Barrett (via phone) and members Deborah Greel and Gary Santo, Jr., Melissa Pagliaro, Clerk of the Board and City Solicitor Beth Rennard and Special Investigator, Mike Ball.

***Ms. Greel acted as chair for the meeting due to Chairman being present via phone and a poor connection.

1. Application for a six One Day Liquor Licenses for several events at SSU. Applicant: NS Bartending.

5/4 – 325 Canal St. – O’Keefe Center – David Ortiz Speaker Series – 300 ppl – 5:30-7:30pm

5/5 – 4 College Drive – Berry Library – Faculty Reception – 40 ppl – 4:30-6:00pm

5/6 – 4 College Drive – Berry Library – Faculty Reception – 40 ppl – 4:00-6:00pm

5/12 – 325 Canal St – O’Keefe Center – Veterans Reception – 100 ppl – 5:30-8:00pm

5/17 – 1 Loring Ave. – Marsh Hall – Seniors Reception – 350 ppl – 1:00-4:00pm

Erin McCabe presented the applications. Ms. Pagliaro said that all the paperwork is in order. Ms. Greel asked if they would be using their own security. Sgt. Ball said they usually do and if they can’t cover it they call the Police Department to fill it. Mr. Santo motioned to approve as listed by Solicitor. Mr. Barrett seconded. Ms. Greel said the motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

2. Application for One Day Liquor Licenses for several events at 159 Derby St. for Salem Arts Association.

5/6 – Gallery Reception – 80 ppl – 6:00-8:00pm

5/27 – Gallery Reception – 80 ppl – 6:00-8:00pm

7/1 – Gallery Reception – 80 ppl – 6:00-8:00pm

8/5 – Gallery Reception – 80 ppl – 6:00-8:00pm

9/9 – Gallery Reception – 80 ppl – 6:00-8:00pm

11/11 – Gallery Reception – 80 ppl – 6:00-8:00pm

12/18 – Gallery Reception – 80 ppl – 6:00-8:00pm

Heather Stewart presented the application. Ms. Stewart said they are all for Opening Gallery Receptions and are all on Friday nights. She asked that the fees also be waived as they are a non-profit. Mr. Santo motioned to approve all as listed by Solicitor. Mr. Barrett seconded. Ms. Greel said the motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

3. Application for a blanket vendors and entertainment license for the Annual Salem Arts Festival, June 3-5, 5-10pm on Friday and 8am-8pm on Saturday and Sunday in the areas of Derby Square, Artist Row, Front St and Front St. Parking lot and Essex St. Ped Mall and 289 Derby St. (Forten Park) on Saturday for performances and activities. Applicant: Salem Main Streets.

Kylie Sullivan presented the application. Ms. Sullivan said it is finally back to normal with this event after two years. She said the only change from what is listed is the Saturday at Forten Park times. She said it will be from 5-10pm and not 8am-8pm. She said she is going to all other departments shortly for other required permits, street closures, etc. Ms. Sullivan said this is year 9 however the festival didn't happen in 2020. She said she will begin working with the local businesses for the event this week. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Ms. Greel said the motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

4. Application for a blanket vendors and entertainment license for the Annual Farmers Market in Derby Square from June 9-October 13, 2022 (Thursdays) from noon-8pm. Applicant: Salem Main Streets.

Kylie Sullivan presented the application. Ms. Sullivan said this event is back to normal as well. She said it was held during COVID at Bentley School but it is now coming back to the regular footprint at Derby Sq. She said there is just one alcohol vendor this year which is 1634 Meadery. She said that has been the same vendor for the last seven years. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Ms. Greel said the motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

5. Application for One Day Liquor License for the length of the Farmers Market (on Thursdays from June 9 to October 13). Applicant: 1634 Meadery, Dan Clapp.

Dan Clapp presented the application. Mr. Clapp said this is his 7th year at the Farmer's Market with no issues. Mr. Santo motioned to approve the license for the length of the Farmers Market. Mr. Barrett seconded. Ms. Greel said the motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

6. Application for a blanket vendors license for a Vendor Market on May 22, 2022 in Derby Sq. Applicant: Girl Gang Craft.

Phoebe Sherman presented the application. Ms. Sherman said they are holding a Craft Fair inside of Old Town Hall and would like to also have vendors outside in Derby Square. Ms. Rennard said this has been allowed before and the Fair Organizer pays a fee of 20% of the fees collected to the City. Ms. Rennard said there will be no more than 45 vendors. Ms. Greel asked if Ms. Sherman is in communication with the Planning Dept and whoever is handling Town Hall now on issues like loading in and out and parking. Ms. Sherman said that she is. She said there are 33 vendors that will be placed inside of Old Town Hall. Ms. Greel asked if there is a fee to enter the building for the event. Ms. Sherman said there is not. Ms. Greel asked for the hours the Board will approve including set up and break down time and also if Ms. Sherman will have staff to help vendors with the process. Ms. Sherman said 8:30am-6:30pm and yes there is staff dedicated for helping with that. She also said that Northeast Animal Shelter will be there with a couple of dogs and wanted to know if anything else is needed for that. Ms. Rennard said Ms. Pagliaro will check with Animal Control on that. Mr. Santo motioned to approve for up to 45 vendors, with a fee of 20% and times between 8:30am-6:30pm. Ms. Greel seconded. Motion carries. Roll call vote 2-0.

7. Application for a sub licensee fortune telling license for A Sacred Place Wellness Center, Witch City Mall. Applicant: Lillian Perry.

Lillian Perry and owner Daryl Bennett presented the application. Ms. Bennett said Ms. Perry comes highly recommended and she is happy to have her begin. Mr. Santo motioned to approve pending CORI. Ms. Greel seconded. Motion carries. Roll call vote 2-0.

8. Application to amend an Entertainment License to include Karaoke at 156 Derby St. Applicant: Witch's Brew.

John Kouseniah, co-owner presented the application. He said they'd like to add the karaoke on Wednesday evenings until 11:45. He said there would be two speakers in the dining room facing in. Ms. Greel said she thinks that's a bit late on a Wednesday being a residential neighborhood.

Mr. Barrett agreed that's late. Mr. Kouseniah said he just wanted to try this and start small before bringing it to the weekends. Ms. Greel said she knows they haven't been open much and asked if this was a way of getting back into their normal routine. Mr. Kouseniah said it was and that it has been hard to get staff. Ms. Greel said maybe this could be done as a trial to see how it goes. Mr. Santo said a 30 day trial might be good. Ms. Greel said maybe a little longer at a sixty-day trial period. Mr Santo motioned to approve a 60 day trial for Karaoke on Wednesday nights from 7pm-11pm. Ms. Greel seconded. Motion carries. Roll call vote 2-0.

*****Ms. Rennard mentioned that if anyone was present for the Waterfront Hotel or Regatta Pub outdoor dining that the applicant has requested a continuance until the meeting on May 9th.**

9. Application for a Common Victuallers License at 101 Lafayette St. Applicant: Piffco, Inc. d/b/a Crave.

Chen Feldman presented the application. Mr. Feldman said he has operated another location in Beverly for the last six years and this would be the second location. He said it is mostly breakfast and baked goods and that most of the business is grab and go so he is requesting minimal seating. He said there are six window seats and three two tops for a total of 12 seats. Ms. Rennard asked if the tables were high or low. Mr. Feldman said the actual tables are low tops. He said they would like to open around May 11th and a soft opening will be on May 9th & 10th. Sgt. Ball asked what the hours of operation would be. Mr. Feldman said 7am-2pm, 7 days a week and maybe a bit later in the fall when its busy. Ms. Greel suggested amending the hours now so he doesn't have to come back later. Mr. Feldman said he doesn't see them ever going past 6pm, so 7am-6pm, 7 days a week. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Ms. Greel said the motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

10. Application for a Common Victuallers and Entertainment License at 2 East India Square. Applicant: Roseadela's LLC d/b/a Roseadela's.

Jessica and Roseadela Manganello presented the application. Jessica said that they are opening in the location where Jodi Bee Bakes in the mall used to be and that they are a coffee shop. She said they would like to open from 6am-8pm, 7 days a week and are requesting a small speaker for piped in back round music. Mr. Barrett motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Ms. Greel said the motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

11. Application for a Transfer of an Annual All Alcohol Liquor and Entertainment License at 41 Lafayette St. Applicant: Salem Barrio LLC d/b/a Barrio Tacos, Tequila & Whiskey.

Attorney Colarusso and Maggie Osborne, owner, presented the application. Ms. Osborne said "Barrio" means neighborhood. She said they only serve a wide variety of tacos with an American twist. She said she has operated two other locations with great success and no issues. She said one is in Portsmouth, NH for four years and another is in Haverhill for the last two years. She said she is very excited about coming to Salem. Ms. Rennard asked about the Entertainment they are seeking as the previous owner had a lot of noise complaints. Ms. Osborne said she is running a restaurant and only plans to have ambient back round music. She said there won't be any live entertainment or shows. Richard from Derby Lofts said that he would first like to welcome the restaurant to Salem. He said he has some notes he'd like to read from his experience with the previous establishment. He said he and neighbors are hoping for a different experience with Barrio. He said he moved in four years ago upstairs in Derby Loft. He said that once Kokeshi opened every Friday and Saturday night there was horrible loud thumping for hours from the restaurant. He said he contacted the owner who promised to resolve issues and never did and at some point was directed by a City Department to call the police. He said Police would come the music would be turned down and fifteen minutes later it would be turned back up. He said that last year after going to the Legal Dept. Kokeshi was called in for a Hearing at which he was present and that it got better for a short time but a few months later it was back to the same thing. He said they were closed during the pandemic but last fall one night it was a late night of the same loud

noise and then they closed after that. He said that Derby Loft residents are good neighbors, and they expect good neighbors. He also requested that no outdoor speakers be allowed. Ms. Osborne said she is sorry to hear about that and that her restaurant doesn't even serve dessert for the purpose of it being a quick turn table establishment. She said there was a disco ball there that has been removed. She said they are a good neighbor and haven't had any issues at her other restaurants, one which of has residential units attached. She said she welcomes them to notify her if there are any concerns. She said the neighbors are welcome to visit her other locations to see what they are about. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Ms. Greel said the motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

12. Application for a Change of Officers/Directors and a Change of Parent name/Entity at 10 Blaney Street. Applicant: Boston Harbor Cruises LLC.

Attorney John Aieta presented the application. He said this is the standard procedure that the ABCC requires to change these items. He said the manager is staying the same, but it's just the Change of officers/directors for the President, Vice President and Secretary and Change of the Parent name from Boston Harbor Cruises, LLC to Hornblower Cruises & Events, LLC. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Ms. Greel said the motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

13. Application for an Annual All Alcohol Liquor License at 130 Canal St. Applicant: Jaho Coffee Roasters & Wine Bar.

Attorney John Aieta and Anil Menzini, owner presented the application. Ms. Rennard said the Board might recall this was a license that was going to be added through home rule but the census was updated and it was determined that the City would have additional licenses so the State wanted them done that way and cancelled the home rule requests. Attorney Aieta said that the owner is a resident of Salem and has another shop on Derby St. and also has another one in Japan. He said his license on Derby St. has never had an issue. He said the new location will serve coffee, tea, smoothies, wine and special drinks and food. He said he has renovated the entire building and is looking to have 30 seats inside and be open seven days a week, Monday through Friday 7am-11pm and Sundays 8am until 10pm. He said this location will add over 40 jobs to the community. Ms. Greel asked about other business' in that building. Mr. Menzini said there is also a kitchen in the back that is part of his business. Ms. Greel talks asked if the business should get busy and parking over flow at Crosbys across the street and patrons crossing to get there. She said it was just something to be aware of and maybe look at crosswalk and lighting. Mr. Menzini said the vet hospital closes at five pm and has allowed them to use the lot on the property and he doesn't see an issue with parking. Sgt. Ball wanted to mention that Crosby's lot is private and cars that park there could be towed. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Ms. Greel said the motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

14. Review and approval for extended outdoor dining Village Tavern, Waterfront Hotel, Regatta Bar, Witches Brew, VFW.

Ms. Rennard stated again that Waterfront & Regatta will be held over until the meeting on May 9th.

Andrew Tilkens from the VFW was present. He said he'd like to be able to have the extended outdoor patio again this year. Ms. Rennard said she wants to be clear that these applications are for outdoor dining at this time and not entertainment. She said there has already concern from neighbors regarding entertainment again this year. She said entertainment will need to be discussed at another meeting. Mr. Tilkens said they have a decibel reader and that they monitor the noise. Ms. Rennard said anyone who wants outdoor entertainment should get an application in for the next meeting. She said that there were no times listed currently for outdoor dining. Mr Barrett said this will be held until the meeting on May 9th to confirm outdoor dining hours.

John Kouseniah, co-owner of Witch's Brew was present. He said he wanted to do the same as last year and extend the outdoor seating. Ms. Rennard said that there were also no outdoor dining hours listed on the application. Mr. Barrett said he wants the hours. Mr. Kouseniah said he was thinking that outdoor dining could go until about 11:45 pm. Ms. Greel said that she thought that

seemed late. Mr. Barrett agreed. Board agreed that this matter should be held over until the meeting on May 9th and hours could be discussed and set then.

Arthur and Andrew Ingemi were present for Village Tavern. Mr. Arthur Ingemi said they are looking to extend the outdoor seating but also add grab and go food and beer all the time as they do in October. He said they have found a market for families that don't want to wait a line and take lots of time for a meal. Ms. Rennard said that the Health Dept. Director, Dave Greenbaum, weighed in and sent a letter of opposition for the Board. Ms. Rennard read the email to the Board (letter will be in file). Ms. Greel said she is also opposed to this idea. Ms. Rennard said they did have closing hours of extended outdoor patio listed on their online application until 9pm. Mr. Barrett said October is one thing, but he is also opposed this plan for more than that. Darryl Bennet owner of Sacred Place Wellness Center asked what will happen to the spots reserved for the other mall business' as they haven't been able to be out for two years but always had a spot and don't want to lose it. She said she does not want to see her space or any other businesses in the mall hurt by this and that they are already very spread out in a space that used to allow other businesses to go out. Ms. Greel said she is inclined to stick to the outdoor extended dining plan as it has been the last two years and that is all. William Legault of audience said he was going to send a letter in support but didn't get around to it. He said he's confused because they already serve liquor outside so why not alcohol service outside. He said this is a good precedent to set and it should be easier for people to get grab and go food. He said he gets its more work but that's why we pay taxes. Mr. Barrett said the extension of outdoor dining which began due to COVID and October are not the same. Mr. Santo motioned to approve the extension of the outdoor dining only from 11am-9pm 7 days a week. Mr. Barrett seconded. Ms. Greel said the motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

15. Approval of Meeting minutes from March 14 and 28, 2022. Mr. Santo motioned to approve the March 28th minutes. (3/14 previously approved) Mr. Barrett seconded. Ms. Greel said the motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

16. Old/New Business:

Mr. Barrett mentioned a noise complaint received about Village Tavern., Essex St. Ms. Rennard said she spoke with them and apparently the outside speaker was left on one night accidentally.

Ms. Greel asked about working on the time / place and manner of Street Performers with Chief Miller for next meeting. Ms. Rennard said she is trying to put that together for the next meeting.

17. Adjournment: 7:43 pm. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Ms. Greel said the motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.