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LICENSING BOARD MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

A meeting of the Licensing Board was held on March 28, 2022 at 6 p.m. In attendance were: Chairman Gary Barrett and members Deborah Greel and Gary Santo, Jr., Melissa Pagliaro, Clerk of the Board and City Solicitor Beth Rennard and Special Investigator, Mike Ball.

1. Application for six One Day Liquor Licenses on April 26, May 3, 10, 24, 31 and June 7, 2022, for a Speakers Series for 50 people from 7-8 p.m. at 401 Bridge St. Applicant: Community Life Center.

Ms. McCarthy of the Center said they would like to serve a glass of wine before the lecture from 6:45 to 7:00pm. She said the only change is that they are hoping for closer to 70 people. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.
2. Application for five One day Liquor Licenses. Applicant: North Shore Bartending, George McCabe.
 - SSU, Lafayette St. – Renaming of the Library – 3/31/22 – 200 people – 6-9p.m.
 - Seven Gables, Derby St. – Two Pre Concert Receptions – 4/9/22 – 100 people @ each – 2-6 p.m.
 - SSU, Lafayette St. – Pre Lacrosse Game Reception – 4/20/22 – 70 people – 4-7 p.m.
 - NS Bartending – 211 Bridge St. – Celebration of Life – 5/21/22 – 100 people – 12-4 p.m.
 - Seven Gables, Derby St. – Farewell Reception – 6/28/22 – 75 people – 6-8 p.m.Erin McCabe of NS Bartending presented the applications for multiple small events. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.
3. Application for a One Day Liquor License on April 29, 2022, for a Beltane Ritual for 50 people from 7-9 p.m. at 186 Essex St. Applicant: OMEN.

Ms. Rennard said she recommended approval for this event that Ms. Pagliaro presented to the Board for the applicant. Ms. Pagliaro said all of the paperwork was in order. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.
4. Application for a Change of Manager to Matthew Moy. Applicant: Nolo Opus, 87 Washington St.

Attorney Jill Mann presented the application and said all the required paperwork has been submitted. Mr. Moy said he is coming from Kowloon's in Saugus and said before that he was the manager at Wahlberg's for a year. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.
5. Application for a Change of Manager to Daniel LeBlanc. Applicant: The Lafayette Associates of Salem.

Ms. Pagliaro presented the application and said all of the required paperwork was in order. Mr. Barrett said that in the future he would like the manager to be present but will approve time. Ms. Pagliaro said Mr. Leblanc maybe having trouble logging on to the ZOOM. Mr. Barrett then

suggested continuing this application to the next meeting. ***At 6:29 Mr. Leblanc was able to join the call. He said he is 62 and retired from GE after 35 years and has lived in Castle Hill all his life. He said he's been a member of the Club for over 20 years and wants to help out and agreed to be Bar Manager. Ms. Greel asked if someone trained him for the position. Mr. LeBlanc said the previous Bar Manager trained him and he is TIPS certified and he will have all bartenders TIPS certified. Mr. Barrett asked how many tenders there were now. Mr. LeBlanc said five or six. He said they hired a couple of new employees to cover all the shifts. Mr. Barrett requested he bring his TIPS certification to Ms. Pagliaro for the file. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carried. Roll call vote 3-0.

6. Application to add Automatic Amusements up to 6 machines. Applicant: Essex Pizza, Essex St. Mall.

Ms. Pagliaro presented the application. Ms. Greel said it would be helpful to have the applicant here to know where machines will go. Mr. Barrett said that he would like the applicant here like the last item. Ms. Rennard said the next meeting is April 11. Mr. Barrett said he would like to set some standard and this item should be continued until the next meeting. The matter as continued to the next meeting.

7. Application for a sub licensee at Crow Haven Corner. Applicant: Keli Stander

Ms. Rennard suggested a continuance as the applicant was not present. The matter was continued to the next meeting.

8. Application to amend the entertainment license to include outdoor amplifies music on North St. Applicant: Salem's Retreat.

Nicole Burke, owner, presented the application. She said she would like to have some live outdoor music once the patio opens on Friday and Saturdays until 10pm and Sundays until 9pm. Mr. Barrett said the restaurant is tucked into a residential area so maybe a trial period of a month to see how it goes. Ms. Rennard said in other areas like this the decibel level is 10 above ambient and the Board in the past has approved up to a two piece acoustic music for a trial period. Ms. Burke said whatever the Board decided is fine. Ms. Pagliaro asked for a time frame for trial period. Ms. Burke said she would let the licensing department know when she starts having it. Ms. Rennard suggested the trial would be a month from that point. Mr. Santo motioned to approve up to two people live, using decibel measuring system for a one month trial. Ms. Greel seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

9. Application for a Common Victualler License & Entertainment License at 14 New Derby St. Applicant: Flip the Bird.

Anthony Marino presented the application for the new restaurant at 14 New Derby St. Mr. Marino said he would like to have a radio for background music and the hours of operation would be from 11am-9pm seven days, but maybe later in October. Mr. Barrett said he can amend the hours now to avoid coming back later. Mr. Marino said that he would ask for 11am-11pm seven days a week. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

10. Application for Alteration of Premise to include permanent outdoor space at 283 Derby St. Applicant: Notch Brewing.

Mr. Rennard said that Notch has been using the rear walkway of the building. She said that outside of the State extending the outdoor dining for another year, Notch would like to make the extension a permanent patio to their premise. She said an agreement between Notch and the City still has to be done. Owner, Mr. Chris Lhoring said that the extension was instrumental in getting them through the pandemic and it worked well. He said that the customers loved being out on the patio on the water. He said they are opening up the gate that is back there for the ten tables to directly connect it to the beer garden area. Ms. Rennard said the application will be contingent upon an agreement with the City being done. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.

11. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2022 & March 14, 2022.
Ms. Greel said she was able to review and all look good and recommended that everyone be called by either first name or Mr./Mrs. in minutes going forward. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.
12. Old/New: Mr. Barrett asked about meeting regarding Street Performers. Ms. Rennard said we could possibly do the April 25th meeting but would have to check in with the Police Chief. Ms. Greel said she would just be getting back. Ms. Rennard said Ms. Pagliaro will check with the Chief and see if he is available on May 9th.

Ms. Greel also suggested having the licensing forms and maybe other forms translated and put up on line.
13. Adjournment: 6:57 p.m. Mr. Santo motioned to adjourn. Ms. Greel seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.