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LICENSING BOARD MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

A meeting of the Licensing Board was held on March 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Gary Barrett and member Gary Santo, Melissa Mojica, Clerk of the Board and Special Investigator, Sgt. Mike Ball. Absent was: Deborah Greel.

1. Application for a Lodging House License at 1 Daniel/53 Essex St. Applicant: Daniels House, LLC

The application was presented by Attorney Joe Correnti and owners Patrick and Adele Bentivenga. Atgtorney Correnti said Mr. Bentivenga is the manager of the LLC. He said they bought the Daniels St. property in 2019 and did a complete renovation. He said there is now tourism that is picking back up and they had the opportunity to purchase 53 Essex St. which is the abutting property. He said they are applying for a Lodging House License for six rooms between the two properties. He said that the Daniels St. property is also their primary residence. He said both properties will be run under the Daniels House LLC. Mr. Bentivenga said he and Adele have been working on this for a long time. He said he spent lots of time previously speaking with former Assistant City Solicitor Vickie Caldwell regarding how to do this properly. Attorney Correnti noted that the Daniels House is one of the most historically significant homes in Salem. He said over a dozen letters of support have been sent in support of this application. He said the owners are there twenty-four/seven as this is there primary home. Mr. Santo asked if all of the paperwork was in order. Ms. Mojica said that it was. Mr. Barrett said the letters were impressive. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote: 2-0.

2. Application for a Common Victualler and Entertainment License at 142 Derby St. Applicant: Wolf at Your Door, Inc. d/b/a Wolf Next Door Coffee.

Diane Wolf presented the application. She said she kept it a to go coffee shop at first, but it is time to open with seating. She said she loses customers when they come in and there is no seating. She said she also asking for piped in music and said her hours will be from 6am-6pm, seven days a week. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote: 2-0.

3. Application for a Seasonal All Alcohol Liquor License at 62 Wharf St. Applicant: Amazing Pizza LLC d/b/a Amazing Pizza.

Jacqui Fields presented the application. Ms. Fields said she first opened Amazing Pizza in 2014 near Collins Cove and then moved to Beverly. She is very excited to be opening shortly in Salem at 62 Wharf St. She said her application is supported by Mike Rockett the property owner. She said they also have a great Executive Chef on Board for the new location. Ms. Mojica said they have talked several times about a Seasonal Liquor license and a Common Victualler but Ms. Fields is hoping to buy a license so has decided to go this route for now. Ms. Fields said their hours would be 11am to 11pm Sunday through Thursday and Friday and Saturday 11am to midnight. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote: 2-0.

4. Vote to approve 2023 Seasonal Liquor and Entertainment Licenses.

Mr. Barrett said he would prefer to hold both the liquor renewal and entertainment for 75 Congress St. at this time until they come in for the hearing regarding entertainment. Mr. Santo agreed. Mr. Santo motioned to approve the renewal of all of the Seasonal license with the exception of La Delicia Restaurant. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote: 2-0.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2023. Mr. Santo and Mr. Barrett said they had not had a chance to review and to continue approval of these minutes until the next meeting.
6. Old/New Business/Adjournment.

Old or new business: None

Adjournment at 6:28pm. Mr Santo motioned to adjourn. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote: 2-0.