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**LICENSING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the Licensing Board was held on September 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Gary Barrett, members Deborah Greel and Gary Santo and Clerk of the Board, Melissa Mojica and Special Investigator to the Board Salem Police Sergeant Mike Ball.

1. Application for a Change of Location at 32 Church St. Applicant: Genisco, Inc. d/b/a Salem Wine Imports.  
Katherine Genis, owner presented the application. She said she is just moving across the hall to the other side of the building. Ms. Mojica said the paperwork is completed and ready to be filed. Ms. Greel asked if it was more retail space. Ms. Genis said it is almost double the space size but the additional is mostly storage space and just a little more retail. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.
2. Application for a Transfer of an Annual Wine & Malt license at 15 Central St. Applicant: Jarrett-Orsini, Inc. d/b/a Red's Sandwich Shop.  
Kim Orsini-Penta presented the application and said she is one of the new owners. Mr. Barrett asked if there were any changes. Ms. Orsini-Penta said just the coffee. Ms. Greel asked if all waitstaff were TIPS certified. Ms. Orsini-Penta said that she never heard of TIPS training and asked what it was so she can look into it. Ms. Greel said that all servers should be TIPS certified if they are serving alcohol. Mr. Barrett said he would call this item again after Ms. Orsini-Penta checked with one of her waitstaff.  
\*\*\*When Ms. Orsini-Penta returned to the ZOOM call she said that no one was certified and that she will take the course over the next two days to become certified. Mr. Barrett said that he wants to hold off on voting for this application until she is certified and has a handle on employees being trained. Ms. Orsini said on most days she is a bit later than most arriving around 9/10 am until close. Mr. Barrett asked as the manager if she is there all day. Ms. Mojica said that the manager / owner of record is still under John Drivas. Mr. Barrett said that is reason enough to hold off on the vote. Mr. Santo said all three owners should work on getting certified as soon as possible in the next couple of days and the rest of the staff by the end of the month and then we can hear this to vote on. Ms. Greel said there should be no service until everyone is TIPS certified, seeing the license is not even in their name. Ms. Orsini-Penta said all of this has taken so long because she didn't even have her first inspection with the Health Dept. until April of this year. She said this is her first restaurant venture and she is flying blind, and she wished all this had been done sooner. She said she is fine with not serving alcohol until they can get familiar with the TIPS process for themselves and the employees. Ms. Orsini-Penta said by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month everyone should be, all staff. Ms. Greel said to give them until the end of September then have them at the meeting after that to vote on approval of the Transfer. Ms. Greel said she agrees and does not feel comfortable with them continuing to serve liquor. Mr. Santo motioned to continue vote of the transfer of the license. Ms. Greel seconded.
3. Application for a renewal of a Store Fortunetelling Store License and sub licensee at 66 Wharf St. Applicant: Circle of Stiches and Catherine Fahey.

Ms. Mojica said she is just waiting on CORI results. Mr. Santo motioned to approve pending CORI's. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.

4. Application for Entertainment and a One Day Liquor Licenses for a Night Market at Pioneer Village, West Ave. from 5-10pm on October 21, 22, 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>. Applicant: Black Veil/Matthew & Ryan Murray LLC.  
Shauna Murray presented the application. She said this will be the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pioneer Village Night Market. She said this year they are having East Regiment and Far From the Tree host the Beer tent. She said there will be a two drink maximum and they are arranging the police detail for each night. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Roll call vote 3-0. 7
5. Application for a One Day Liquor License for Artoberfest at Salem Maritime National Historic Site, 160 Derby St from 12-7pm on September 30. Applicant: Notch Brewing.  
Nick Caso presented the application and said this event is in coordination with Salem Arts Association. He said there will be live music, food trucks and a beer tent. He said all servers are TIPS certified and ID's will be checked at the gated area and they will be using hand stamps. He said this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for this event. Mr. Barrett asked about a detail. Mr. Caso said they will be using the park service. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.
6. Application for a Psychic Fair from October 1- 31<sup>st</sup> at 282 Derby St, Rear -3. Applicant: Pentagonram.  
Kim Branche, manager at Pentagonram presented the applications for the 2023 Fair from October 1 thru October 31. Ms. Mojica said all applications to be readers are pending CORI's. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.
7. Application for a Psychic Fair from October 1 – 31<sup>st</sup> at 125 Essex St. Applicant: Crow Haven Corner.  
Ivy Sharpe, manager at Crow haven Corner presented the applications for the 2023 Fair from October 1 thru October 31. Ms. Mojica said all applications to be readers are pending CORI's. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.
8. Application for a Psychic Fair from October 1 – 31<sup>st</sup> at 184 Essex St. and 176 Essex St. (Museum Place Mall). Applicant: OMEN.  
Meg Lecru, manager at OMEN presented the applications for the 2023 Fairs from October 1 thru October 31. Ms. Mojica said all applications to be readers are pending CORI's. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.
9. Application for One Day Liquor Licenses for the Frozen Fire Festival from December 26 thru January 1, 2024 from 4pm-12am Monday thru Thursday and 11 am-12am Friday thru Sunday and Live Entertainment and fire performances at Charlotte Forten Park, Derby St. Applicant: The Anthem Group.  
Shelby Elwell said this will be the second year of this festival. Mr. Barrett said there were some complaints around ADA issues last year. Ms. Elwell said she met with Lisa Cammarata and Steve Kapanis last year to work out and correct any issues last year and will do the same again. Ms. Greel asked if people will be able to walk the whole park with a drink or just in the tent. She said it is usually contained to a tent. Ms. Elwell said last year the entire park area was licensed. Ms. Greel said they cannot walk around food truck festival with beer. Ms. Mojica said this is the way the Board licensed this event last year. Ms. Greel said she was surprised people were just walking around with beer. Sgt. Ball said the set up they had worked fine with no issues. Mr. Barrett said the Board approved it last year. Sgt. Ball said he worked details last year and there were no problems. Ms. Greel said to make sure details are lined up. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.
- ~~10. Application for 30 (thirty) One Day Liquor Licenses beginning on Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4-12am Monday thru Thursdays and 11am-12am Friday thru Sundays for a daily beer garden for the month of October at 253 Essex St. parking lot and an Entertainment license for the same days and hours for some live music and music through Bluetooth speakers. Applicant: The Anthem Group in conjunction with the building owner, Jim Sommers. **WITHDRAWN**~~
11. Application for two one day Liquor Licenses. Applicant: North Shore Bartending.  
Mr. Barrett asked Sgt. Ball if he recalled any issues. Sgt. Ball said he did not. Ms. Greel said these events are well managed. Mr. Santo asked about details Ms. McCabe said there would be details. Ms. Greel said she would recuse herself on the vote. Mr. Santo motioned to approve both events. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote 2-0.

\*September 21 – Patio Party/Punto Urban Art Museum for 50 people at 102 Lafayette St. from 5:30-7pm.

\*September 30 – Beer garden for Fiesta en la Calle for 1000 people at Peabody St. Park from 2-6pm.

12. Application for a One Day Liquor License on September 23 for 100 people from 3-7pm for a fundraiser for the farm at Mack Park Food Farm. Applicant: Mack Park Food Farm/Pat Schultz.  
  
Mr. Schultz said this was a fundraiser and asked for a rain date of 9/30. He said they are hoping to sell the 100 tickets they have but will probably sell about 50. Ms. Mojica said that if they sell the 100 tickets they would need a police detail. Mr. Santo asked who was serving. Mr. Schultz said they will have a crowd manager and a TIPS certified server and if they sell all 100 tickets, they will arrange for a detail officer. Ms. Greel motioned to waive fee and approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.
13. Old/New Business:  
  
Ms. Greel said there should be a discussion about servers being TIPS certified.  
  
Sgt. Ball reported on the noise complaint regarding Dave Frank's on Bridge St. He said he went by twice and on one visit spoke to the owner and there was nothing going on and all was quiet. He said there was no one making repairs and was shown the garage that had minimal tools. He said the owner told him that the most they do is fill tires on cars for sale if needed. Sgt. Ball informed him there are not to be any motor repairs on site.
14. Approval of meeting minutes from July 17<sup>th</sup> & August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.
15. Adjournment: 7:15pm. Ms. Greel motioned to adjourn. Mr. Santo seconded. Roll call vote 3-0.