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## **MEETING MINUTES MARCH 27, 2017**

A meeting of the Salem Licensing Board was held on **Monday, March 27, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.**, at City Hall Annex, 120 Washington Street in the third-floor meeting room. In attendance: Chairman Bob St. Pierre, member Rick Lee, Clerk of the Board, Melissa Pagliaro and Special Investigator, Det. Sgt. Gaudet. Absent was member Paul Flores.

1. Application for two (2) One Day Liquor Licenses. Applicant: Hamilton Hall, Robin Perry.  
First for the Dunlavy Wedding Reception on June 3, 2017 from 5-10 p.m. for 120 people. Second for the Holcomb Wedding Reception on June 9, 2017 from 5:30-10:00 p.m. for 180 people both at 9 Chestnut Street.  
Robin Perry said that all the paperwork is in order and she will submit the Certificate of Insurance for one of the events as soon as she receives it. Mr. Lee motioned to approve. Chairman St. Pierre seconded. Motion carries.
2. Application for two (2) One Day Liquor Licenses. Applicant: North Shore Bartending, George McCabe.  
First for and at The House of Seven Gables for a Fundraising Event on April 7, 2017 from 5-9 p.m. for 50 people. Second at Ames Hall for a Salsa Night for Salem Education Foundation on April 7, 2017 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Ms. Pagliaro presented the applications for George McCabe who was not able to attend. She said that all of the necessary paperwork was submitted and asked that fees for both events be waived as they were non-profits. Mr. Lee motioned to waive fees and approve. Chairman St. Pierre seconded. Motion carries.
3. Application for three (3) One Day Liquor Licenses. Applicant: House of the Seven Gables, Deb Costa.  
First for a Wedding Reception on May 4, 2017 from 4:30 - 10:00 p.m. for 75 people. Second for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks watching on July 4, 2017 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. for 75 people. Third for a Fundraiser on September 17, 2017 from 5:00-9:30 p.m. for 200 people.  
Deb Costa said that she submitted all of the required paperwork and said two of the events are for the Gables and one Wedding. Mr. Lee motioned to waive the fee for the two House of Seven Gables events and approve all three applications. Chairman St. Pierre seconded. Motion carries.
4. Application for a One Day Liquor License. Applicant: MA Poetry for their Annual Event at Old Town Hall on May 6, 2017 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. for 100 people.  
Ellen Talkowsky, Special Projects Coordinator for the City of Salem presented the application. She said this is the 7<sup>th</sup> year for the event. She said it is a great event. She said this year there will be some

vendors outside on the pedestrian mall if the weather is nice and that she would place them. Mr. Lee motioned to waive the fee and approve. Chairman St. Pierre seconded. Motion carries.

5. Application for a New Store Fortunetelling License, New Age Travel and Healing, 16 Front Street, #302 and four (4) sub licensees, Charles Gyor, Lauren Hall, Grace Murdoch and Madeline Mooney.

Melissa, the store owner presented the applications and said the space is on Front Street and her inventory is metaphysical and that they are affiliated with the Hauswitch Store on Washington Street. She said the sub licensees will be offering tarot readings, animal readings and astrology. Mr. Lee motioned to approve pending CORI results. Chairman St. Pierre seconded. Motion carries.

6. Application to amend an Entertainment License for Brodie's Seaport to remove the prohibition of music outside of the restaurant structure, to add two (2) small speakers to the outdoor patio and to allow for live amplified music, up to five (5) pieces, on the outdoor patio, seven (7) nights a week from 5 – 9 p.m.

Mr. Votto, owner, presented the application. Chairman St. Pierre said that the Board would have to vote to remove the prohibition of having the doors closed that is currently placed on the Entertainment License in order to amend the license to the current request. He said he believes there are some people in the audience that want to speak to this matter. Mr. Votto said he would like that conditioned removed and be able to have two outdoor speakers on the patio and live entertainment up to seven (7) days a week outdoors as well to go along with his indoor entertainment or to be able to open the doors up for his indoor entertainment to be heard on the patio.

Loise Michaud lives almost directly across the street and she said even with the doors closed the noise is intolerable and sometimes it continues well beyond 12:00 a.m. She said sometimes the door is propped by a brick and its significantly louder and it is totally unacceptable and she is against this request. She said she has lived there for 30 years.

Bonnie Bellair lives at 92 Wharf Street above Vic Station. She said that summer is coming and if Brodie's is allowed this everyone else will have to be too. She said the level of noise from that area diminishes quality of life and is very disruptive. She said she knows there is a balance with business and residents but questions the noise ordinance. She said there is already enough disturbing entertainment that happens until 1:00 a.m. and she is strongly against this.

Mike McGinn said he lives across from Brodie's for the last seven years. He said this would be adding to a problem that already exist. Sgt. Gaudet said he worked that area for 14 years and he has never been called to Brodie's before. He said since he's been on the Board there has been one call regarding the door being open and the problem was immediately resolved. He said he does feel that amplified music five (5) to seven (7) nights a week is a bit outrageous. Chairman St. Pierre said the whole restriction of the door being closed was there to address noise complaints in the first place and he feels changing the license this drastically would create more of a noise issue.

Mr. Votto said he is just trying to keep up with the competition which is fierce. He said he don't want blaring music and would like to reach a compromise, maybe Wednesday through Saturday a 2 or 3-piece band to bring business to him. He said he just would like to have what he has already just to be able to add it to outside. He said he didn't know the exact approach to this and he is willing to compromise.

Mr. Lee asked if he has spoken to any of the neighbors. Mr. Votto said he had not but that he has only had one complaint. Mr. Lee said he feels as though they are embarking on something totally new and that he should have spoken to the neighbors. He said he would not be willing to support

this much of a change at this time. Mr. Votto said he has been by Vic Station, Lobster Shanty and Tavern in the Square and they are all very noisy. Chairman St. Pierre suggested that the neighbors work with Sgt. Gaudet and Mr. Votto to see if this can be worked out. Sgt. Gaudet said sometimes that works and benefits everyone. Bonnie said that 4 nights a week would still be excessive. She invited them to come and listen to what the noise sounds like from inside her home. She said she gets it is in the B1 district but she doesn't know if they understand how loud that would be and add to already excessive noise. Mr. Votto then asked just for outdoor speakers for music, games, sports, etc. Chairman St. Pierre said he is not going to act now on this request and will schedule this to be heard at another meeting. Mr. Lee said he agrees and is not trying to hurt anyone but just trying to find the right balance.

7. Old/New Business:

Old: Follow-up: Sgt. Gaudet said some spur of the moment checks were done recently. He said Murphy's has added a state of the art scanner and has a 6 or 7-person security team watching outdoors in reflective vest. He said he did check and there have been no complaints called for there.

8. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2017.

Mr. Lee Motioned to approve. Chairman St. Pierre seconded.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Lee motioned to adjourn. Chairman St. Pierre seconded.

Melissa Pagliaro  
Clerk of the Board

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