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### **LICENSING BOARD MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**

A meeting of the Licensing Board was held on February 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Gary Barret, members Deborah Greel and Gary Santo, Jr. and Melissa Mojica, Clerk of the Board. Absent was: Special Investigator, Sgt. Mike Ball.

1. Application for a One Day Liquor License on March 23, 2023, at Old Town Hall, Derby Sq. for 100 people from 5-7pm for an Opening Night Reception for the Film Festival. Applicant: Salem Film Fest.

Joe Ferrari, Director of Salem Film Fest presented the application. Mr. Barrett asked who would be pouring. Mr. Ferrari said Bambolina is catering and NS Bartending serving. Ms. Greel said Salem Film Fest is a non-profit and host nice events. Ms. Greel motioned to approve and waive the fee. Mr. Santo seconded. Roll call vote: 3-0.

2. Application for a One Day Liquor License on June 24, 2023, at the Salem Common for 20,000 people from 11am-5pm for the 2023 North Shore Pride Festival. Applicant: Hope Watt-Bucci & NS Pride.

Hope Watt-Bucci presented the application. She said it will be like how the past years have been run. Mr. Barrett asked for a run down. Ms. Watt-Bucci said there will be a separate area for alcohol tents. She said Notch and Deacon Giles will be serving and they both have TIPS certified staff. She said she will work with DPS for a double barrier around the alcohol tent areas and there will be a security check before entering those areas. She said this year they are expanding the tent just for extra room to move around in. She said the tent will open at 11 and entertainment will start about 1pm. She said there were about 20,000 people last year. She said she has a meeting scheduled with the Police Chief tomorrow at 10am and has applied to Park and Rec. She said she has already met with the Mayor and Chief of Staff. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote: 3-0.

3. Application for a One Day Liquor License on February 18, 2023, at 34 St. Peter St. (school) for up to 80 people from 8pm-12am for a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance. Applicant: St. John Paul II Shrine of Divine Mercy.

Marilyn Costa presented the application. She said the dance would be held in the school cafeteria. Mr. Barrett asked who would be serving. Ms. Costa said that a member of the Shrine is TIPS certified and would be as he had before. Ms. Mojica said the paperwork is in order. Ms. Greel noted that in the future she would like to see these applications in earlier. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Roll call vote: 3-0.

4. Application for two One Day Liquor Licenses on February 18, 2023, at 184 Essex St. for 25 people from 7-8pm for a Sabbath event and on March 25, 2023, for 25 people from 7-8:30pm for a Soiree. Applicant: OMEN

Megan Lecuru presented the application. She said she is the new manager. She said these are two small events that are 21+ and that only draw a few people. Ms. Mojica said in the past the detail has been waived because it was for Wine and the hours were kept under two and the amount of

people. Megan said at the last event there were two guests. She said it could even just be sparkling wine. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote: 3-0.

5. Application for an Individual Fortune Telling license at 10 Summer St. Apt#31. Applicant: Charlotte Michaels.

Ms. Michaels presented the application. She said that she has lived and worked in Salem for over 7 years. She said she has worked at Hex, OMEN and Crow Haven and would like to have an Individual License as well to be able to read on her own. She said she has also been a tour guide. Ms. Greel asked if she was still doing tours. Ms. Michaels said she was for the moment as long as she is employed by Crow Haven. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr Santo seconded. Roll call vote: 3-0.

6. Application for a Common Victuallers License at 99 Washington St. Applicant: JCH Donuts, Inc. d/b/a Honey Dew Donuts.

Jackson Lorrens presented the application. He said he is the new owner and applying for the C/V license. Mr. Barrett asked about his experience. Jackson said he has worked for Dunkin Donuts for 14 years and purchased Honey Dew last year. Ms. Greel asked why he was coming in now. Jackson said Ms. Mojica reached out to them and he didn't know the process. He said he is asking for TV & radio for entertainment. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote: 3-0.

7. Application for an Alteration of Premise, Change of Manager, Change of DBA and a Management Agreement at 87 Washington St. Applicant: Nolo Opus, Inc. d/b/a Dire Wolf Tavern.

Attorney Jill Mann presented the application. She said the restaurant is just rebranding and they have submitted a plan for alteration of the bottom floor to change into more restaurant/lounge space. She said there is also an application for a Change of Manager, a management agreement, and a d/b/a change. She said all the paperwork is complete. Mr. Barrett asked what the proposed managers back round is. The new manager, Devon Cormier, said she was raised in Salem and spent the last number of years managing a restaurant in Beverly and she is excited to be coming back to Salem. Ms. Greel asked about the restrooms and noted when it was OPUS bathroom was on first floor and asked if it was now downstairs. Ms. Mann said that there is a lift for ADA bathroom use. Devon said it is a service elevator behind the staircase. Ms. Mann said it is very clear to see. Devon said there will always be a manager there in case anyone needs help or there is a problem with it. Ms. Greel asked about bar accessibility downstairs. Devon said the bar downstairs is not as high as the one downstairs and said they will have lots of low lounge chairs so there are other options besides the bar. Ms. Mann said they are about 6-8 weeks away from opening. Ms. Greel said Facebook says they are open already. Ms. Mann said the upstairs is as they just closed to paint and freshen up but nothing that needed ABCC approval. She said the downstairs is absolutely not open. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote: 3-0.

8. Old/New Business/Adjournment:

Old/New: Mr. Barrett said he would like a conversation with Ms. Rennard and Ms. Mojica about paperwork deadlines from applicants and if paperwork is not complete pushing it off.

Approval of minutes: November 14, 2022 and January 9, 2023. 7:03pm. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Roll call vote: 3-0.