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

A meeting of the Licensing Board was held on February 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Gary Barrett and members Gary Santo and Deborah Greel, Melissa Mojica, Clerk of the Board and Special Investigator, Sgt. Mike Ball.

1. Application for three (3) One Day Liquor License Applicant: B&S Fitness/Brandi Dion.

\*September 2, 2023 – Bacon Day 5k at Charlotte Forten Park for 300 people from 9am-12pm.

\*September 24, 2023 – Wicked ½ Marathon at Salem Willows for 500 people from 7am-12pm.

\*October 21, 2023 – Devil’s Chase Race at Salem Willows for 700 people from 8am-12pm.

The Board voted to continue these applications until the events were approved through other departments. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote: 3-0.

2. Application for three (3) One Day Liquor Licenses for May 4, 5, & 6, 2023 for the Performing Arts Conference/Convention at Old Town Hall, Derby Square for 150 people from 7:30-9:30pm on Thursday, 7:30pm-12:00am on Friday and 7:00pm-11:30pm Saturday. Applicant: Alex Newman.

Mr. Newman presented the applications and said this is the second year. He said it was previously held at the Bridge at 211. He said there is an educational and professional development piece to this event during the day with vendors and performances in the evening. He said the caterers are Exquisite Events out of Cambridge and are the same as last year. Mr. Barrett asked if they were a Salem non-profit. Ms. Mojica said they were not a Salem non-profit. Ms. Greel noted the Board waives the fee for Salem non-profits and asked if the performers were local. Sgt. Ball asked if they have reached out for a police detail yet. He said they need a detail for each night. Ms. Greel suggest they check with Fire as well as they may need both details. Mr. Newman said he will do that but he don’t expect the number of people he wrote down. Ms. Greel asked who would be checking ID’s. Mr. Newman said three people will be at bar, one checking ID’s and two serving. He said during the day there will be a total of 34 hours of classes , lectures and vendors and historic displays and the liquor will only be at night for 21+. Mr. Santo motioned to approve pending police detail, checking with fire prevention, and providing insurance and 501c3 certificate. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote: 3-0.

3. Application for twelve (12) One Day Liquor Licenses all to be held at Salem Arts Assoc. 159 Derby St., all between the hours of 6-8pm for 80 people at each event for Exhibit Receptions on 3/3, 4/7, 5/5, 5/19, 6/23, 7/7, 8/4, 9/15, and 11/17 Artoberfest on 9/29 and Annual Membership meeting on 12/16 and a fundraiser on 10/27/2023. Applicant: Salem Arts Assoc., Jim Bostick.

Mr. Bostick presented the applications. He said they will only be serving wine at these events and will have a TIPS certified server. Ms. Greel said she has been to these events and it is usually one very small glass of wine for each guest. Sgt. Ball asked if this new location has sprinklers.

Ms. Mojica said if this is a new location he should double check with Fire. Sgt. Ball and Mr. Barrett told him to check with fire. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Roll call vote: 3-0.

4. Application for a Store Fortune Telling License at 29 Congress St. Applicant: Stardust, Sarah Carter.

Ms. Carter presented the application and said she worked in the City for ten plus years doing tours and in the witchcraft industry for over twelve years. Ms. Greel asked exactly where on Congress St. Ms. Carter said it is the little house at the bridge to the left of the Shetland entrance. Ms. Mojica asked if she read the regulations and if her shop is at least 75% metaphysical. Ms. Carter said it is all. Ms. Mojica said that the paperwork is all in order. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote: 3-0.

5. Application for a Change of Manager to Corey Cimino. Applicant: 99 Restaurant, 15 Bridge St.  
No one present. Add to next meeting agenda.
6. Application for a Change of Manager to Paul Lyons. Applicant: Cosmopolitan Club of Salem, 24 Endicott St.

Mr. Correnti, President of the Club, presented the application and said they are looking to change the manager to Mr. Lyons. Ms. Greel asked if Mr. Lyons was TIPS certified. Mr. Correnti said that he was. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote: 3-0.

7. Application for a Transfer of an Annual All Alcohol Package Store License at 5 Gedney St. Applicant: Jashiba, LLC b/d/a Quality Liquors.

Attorney John Moorodian presented the application and said the applicants are purchasing the business and the real estate. He said there will be no change to the storefront or operations and they are looking to have the transfer along with a Pledge approved. He said the hours will remain as is from 8am-11pm and 10am-11pm on Sundays. He said the manager will be Richard Canepa and they will be using scanners to check ID's. Ms. Greel asked if these were the same people as the next application. Mr. Moorodian said yes it is the same group but different LLC's. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Roll call vote: 3-0.

8. Application for a Transfer of an Annual Wine & Malt Package Store License at 36 Margin St. Applicant: Narayan Muni, LLC d/b/a Steve's Quality Market.

Attorney John Moorodian presented the application and said the applicants are purchasing the business and the real estate. He said there will be no change to the storefront or operations. He said the Patels own stores in Salisbury, Swampscott, Newburyport and Pepperell. He said the stores employees will stay the same. He said the same hours as the last application will apply. He is seeking approval of the license and a Pledge of the License. Mr. Barrett heard from Geoff Millar in the audience. He said that there is an ad on Facebook for hiring staff. Attorney Moorodian said that is the existing owners advertising for help. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Roll call vote: 3-0.

9. Old/New Business/Adjournment:

New: Ms. Greel said she would like to see the One Day Liquor license changed to add a larger space for applicants to describe what the event is about.

New: Ms. Mojica said the Hearing for 75 Congress St. will be rescheduled for the meeting on March 13, 2023.

Adjournment: Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Roll call vote: 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 7pm.