

## CITY OF SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS LICENSING BOARD

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SGT. MIKE BALL. SPEC. INV.

MELISSA PAGLIARO, CLERK OF THE BOARD

## **MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT**

A meeting of the Licensing Board was held on June 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Gary Barrett and members Deborah Greel and Gary Santo, Jr., Melissa Mojica, Clerk of the Board, City Solicitor Beth Rennard, Special Investigator, Mike Ball.

- 1. Application for a One Day Liquor License for the Annual Polish Picnic on August 28, 2022 from 12-6pm at Saint Paul Shrine of Divine Mercy Church, 34 St. Peter St. for up to 400 people. Applicant: Saint Paul Shrine of Divine Mercy.
  - Marilyn Costa presented the application. She said this is for the 34<sup>th</sup> Polish Picnic. She said it is open to all and they will have food and music and the Cardinal will be coming. Mr. Santo asked who would be serving. Ms. Costa said there will be a certified bartender and they will only be serving inside. Mr. Barrett asked if the police detail was all set. Ms. Costa said that it was. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote 2-0.
- 2. Application for a One Day Liquor License for a Wine & Cheese Reception following a lecture at 9 Chestnut St. on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-4pm for 30 people. Applicant: Hamilton Hall.
  - Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote 2-0.
- 3. Application for a One Day Liquor License for a Wedding Reception on July 15 from 4-9pm at House of Seven Gables, 115 Derby St. for 130 people Applicant: Melissa D'Andrea.
  - Ms. Mojica said all the paperwork was in order and that Melissa was on the phone but was having issues with speaking. She said a police detail is set and all paperwork is in order. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote 2-0.
- 4. Application for a One Day Liquor License for a Rite of Lammas gathering on July 30 from 6-9pm at 186 Essex St. for 50 people. Applicant: OMEN.
  - Alicia Silvestri, general manager, presented the application. Mr. Barrett asked what they were looking for. Ms. Silvestri said a One-day license to serve wine for Rite of Lammas gathering. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote 2-0.
- 5. Application for a One Day Liquor License for a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Beer & Wine Tasting on July 15 from 5-10pm at 185 Essex St. for 100 people. Applicant: Pampelmousse.
- 6. Application for a One Day Liquor License for a Pre Welcome Wedding Party on July 1 from 5:30-9:30pm at The House of Seven Gables, 115 Derby St. for 100 people. Applicant: Sandra Teague.
  - Ms. Teague presented the application and said it a dinner to welcome guests in for her son's wedding. Sgt. Ball asked if she arranged for a detail. Ms. Teague said she had. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote 2-0.

7. Application for Entertainment to amend license for a One Day event for a 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party on July 30 from 5-10pm for an amplified 8 piece band at 215 Derby St. Applicant: Brodies Restaurant.

Joel Votto, owner, presented the application. He said he would like to have special entertainment for one day to celebrate the restaurants anniversary. He said he'd like to be approved for up to an 8 piece band from 5-10pm and that there is no rain date. He said if it rains, they will hold it inside. Mr. Santo asked if it would be amplified. Mr. Votto said it would be. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote 2-0.

8. Application for a blanket entertainment and vendor license for a fundraiser for the Ukraine at Derby Square on June 26 from 10-4 pm (set up 9am/breakdown 4). Applicant: Galyna Shlapak

Ms. Rennard said Ms. Shlapak has been communication with her about getting this fundraiser for the Ukraine set up. Ms. Shlapak said she lives at 11 South Mason St. She said she has worked to pull local businesses and artist together and they may possibly have some food and some light local entertainment. Ms. Rennard said that the application for Derby Square has already been approved. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote 2-0.

9. Application for a sub-licensee fortune telling license at Crow Haven Corner, 125 Essex St. Applicant: Jenna Hall.

Paul, administrator, presented the application for Jenna. He said they are just looking to add her as a reader at the store. Ms. Mojica said the paperwork and CORI are all set. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote 2-0.

10. Continued -Review Proposals submitted for an All-Alcohol Package Store License allowed by state due to census count. Applicants: New Market, Bridge St, Friendly Mini Market, Lafayette St and Salem Shell, North St.

Ms. Rennard said since the last meeting, Friendly Mini Market on Lafayette St. withdrew. She said New Market was next in line so they would like to submit and application for the license. She said if they do that they will then have an annual Wine & Malt package store license to sell. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote 2-0.

11. Approval of extended outdoor dining and entertainment at Regatta Bar, 225 Derby St. Entertainment Mon-Thursday 6-10pm, Fri and Sat noon to 11pm and Sunday 2-10pm. Entertainment consists of tv, live music, piped music or trivia.

Attorney Egan and General Manager presented the outdoor entertainment application. Mr. Barrett said he has read that there may be some issues with handicap compliance. Ms. Rennard said that the City Building Inspector found that there are adequate spaces but there may be some issues with Chapter 90 but said she snot sure if this Board can hold this up because of Chapter 90 issues.

Mr. Barrett asked if the seating issue was addressed and Ms. Rennard said that they have purchased two new tables that are out there. Attorney Egan said the DEP has no involvement and there is no change of use from regular hotels. He said the City has the power to grant the license. Mr. Steve Kapantis of 23 Wisteria St. said that there are still many issues there. He said that some of their dining is on top of parking spots. He said they are still down more than two handicap spots and one for the hotel parking. He asked Ms. Rennard where the letter from the Building Inspector is. Attorney Egan said they will do what they said. Mr. Kapantis said that there are no public restrooms available, and that the parking lane is blocked with cars every single day. He said it wasn't until he sent a letter to complain that they said they understood yet things are still not compliant. He said he would like to see the letter from Tom St. Pierre. Mr. Barrett asked Ms. Rennard if we had the letter from Mr. St. Pierre. Ms. Rennard said she had the email. She said he wrote in the letter he thinks there are enough spaces being that there are two at the bank, two at the tent and two at the hotel. Mr. Kapantis said he submitted pictures and that is not consistent. Attorney Egan said that if they aren't the spaces there then Mr. St. Pierre wouldn't have written that letter. Attorney Egan said they are compliant. Mr. Santo said that they have confirmation from Mr. St. Pierre that there are enough spaces. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote 2-0.

12. Approval of entertainment license for Beer Garden: Thurs, Fri., Sat 2-10pm, Sunday 2-6 live amplified music and DJ and on Sunday night until 10pm on the four long holiday weekends plus Halloween. On the four holidays weekends, live entertainment on Monday from 2-6pm.Optional Tuesday or Wednesday evenings from 6-10pm not to exceed eight such evenings during the season.

Ms. Rennard said some testing was done with Sgt. Ball at the tent earlier in June as well as the testing that was done with Ms. Mojica in May. She said that at the time test were conducted the decibel levels mostly fell in the range allowed. She said the tent is looking for an extension for the rest of the season. She said this is the third meeting on this issue and Sgt. Ball has worked with Mr. Kiesel to address concerns. Mr. Kiesle said he would like to thank everyone and that there has been a big improvement. He said however there was a very loud band the night after the soundcheck with Sgt. Ball, but overall its been better. He said there was a DJ the other night than seemed louder than any band so maybe just note that when a DJ is booked. He said that the recommendation from Sgt. Ball to get something on the back door that will automatically close it may help to. He asked that the bass be consistently managed. Mr. Kapantis said he wanted to thank the Board for their pragmatic approach. He said under Ch. 91 the tent is not allowed to have the spots where they are currently located. He asked that the Board be reminded of Mr. Egan's threat of slander if they did not get their way. He said he feels Mr. Egan owes the Board an apology. Mr. Kiesel asked if having something put on the door to automatically close at the back of the bar could be confirmed so he knows it will get done. Mr. Barrett said he trusts the manager of the beer garden that it will be addressed and they will do what they need to in order to help any issues. Mr. Santo asked about the Tuesday and Wednesdays and said he thinks that if events are booked every week for both days that would be too much. Mr. Egan said it would be only if requested. Mr. Barrett said that could potentially be every week and he agrees that would be too much. He said he would be agreeable to one day a week on Tuesday or Wednesday for s special function but not both. Mr. Santo motioned to approve the entertainment license for Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 2-10pm and Sunday 2-6 pm for live, amplified music and a DJ and non consecutive Tuesday or Wednesday from 6-10 pm through October 2022. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote 2-0.

13. Establish vending fee for B5 district including Forten Park pursuant to City Ordinance.

Ms. Rennard said that as cities are opening up more there is a request from vendors outside of October City events. She said the ordinance requires the Licensing Board set a fee. She said one was asset quite a while ago at \$200.00 per day for a 10 x 10 space. She said she recommends the Board to vote to keep the same vendor fee per day. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote 2-0.

- 14. Approval of Meeting minutes from May 12, 2022.
- 15. Old/New Business: NONE
- 16. Adjournment: 7:07 pm. Mr. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Mr. Barrett seconded. Roll call vote 2-0.