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### **LICENSING BOARD MEETING MINTUES – DRAFT**

The Salem Licensing Board met on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via remote participation in accordance with Chapter 20 of the MA Acts of 2021. Present was Chairman Gary Barrett, members Gary Santo, Jr., Deb Greel, Clerk of the Board Melissa Pagliaro and City Solicitor, Beth Rennard and Special Investigators to the Board, Sgt. Doyle and Sgt. Mike Ball.

1. Application for a One Day Liquor License for C5K Sports for the Annual Road Race at the Waters & Brown lot, 283R Derby St. on Sunday, September 12, 2021, from 10am-2pm for 2,000 people. Applicant: Edward O'Connor.

Withdrawn

2. Application for a One Day Liquor License for a Rehearsal Dinner at the House of the Seven Gables on September 17, 2021, from 5-10pm for 50 people. Applicant: Randy Barron.

Ms. Pagliaro said all the required paperwork was in order. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Motion carried. Roll call vote 3-0.

3. Application for a One Day Liquor License for a Cocktail Party for the Friends of the Council on Aging at Winter Island on September 9, 2021, from 5-7:30pm for 75 people/ Applicant: NS Bartending.

Ms. Pagliaro said all the required paperwork was in order. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Motion carried. Roll call vote 3-0.

4. Application for a One Day Liquor License for a Wedding Reception at House of the Seven Gables on September 18, 2021, from 4:30-10pm for 80 people. Applicant: Rebeca Hastings.

Ms. Hastings presented the application. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Motion carried. Roll call vote 3-0.

5. Application for a Blanket License for up to a dozen Vendors for the E.Love-ATE Festival at Salem Willows on September 11, 2021 from 9am-7pm . Applicant: Amy Linnell.

Amy Linelle presented the application. She said that she has obtained signature from all the food establishments at the Willow's. She said none of them had an issue with the all the all-natural / vegan food event. She said there will be about 12 food vendors and about 20 local art vendors. She said they are also looking for some low-key entertainment including some comedy. Ms. Rennard said the Board of Health still must be notified of the event. Ms. Greel said it sounded like there might still be a lot to get done before the event. Ms. Greel motioned to approve contingent upon all CORI's being submitted and the Health Department granting approval. Mr. Santo seconded. Motion carried. Roll call vote 3-0.

6. Application to amend the entertainment license at the Gulu-Gulu Café, 247 Essex St. to include a drag performance indoors, to include permanent outdoor entertainment in the form of drag show, live music limited to 6 musicians, DJ and vinyl from 12-8pm, 7 days a week.

Steve Feldman, owner, presented the application. He said he wanted to permanently amend the entertainment for his indoor and requested outdoor license include theatrical performances outside

on Sundays from 3-6pm. He said he had been having these for the last couple of months outdoors but didn't realize he needed to add them to his license. He said he was made aware by the Police Dept. a couple of weeks ago. He said he rather people be outside with COVID mandates going back to masks inside. Ms. Rennard asked Sgt. Ball what generated the complaints. Sgt. Ball said there were several complaints called into the department for noise. Ms. Greel asked when the calls were. Sgt. Ball said Friday, Saturdays and Sundays. Mr. Feldman said he believed the complaint was of an elderly couple being disturbed during dinner hours. Ms. Rennard asked Mr. Feldman to keep track of the level of noise with a decibel reader that can be downloaded. Det. Sgt. Doyle said that having an outdoor show at Lappin Park where people are prone to gather anyway has created a large crowd gathering in that space. He said some of the noise is coming from the crowd that is gathering. He said having it outside in that space is like creating a public event where people passing by will stop and gather to watch. Mr. Feldman said he doesn't see a problem with people enjoying a performance. Det. Sgt. Doyle reiterated it is drawing a large crowd aside of the patrons seated in the outdoor patio. Mr. Feldman said the preachers do the same. Det. Sgt. Doyle said that is freedom of speech not an entertainment license for a private business. Mr. Santo said maybe a tent could be used so the performance could be held underneath it. He also said he understood where the Police are saying. Mr. Feldman said once COVID is over he wants his entertainment back inside. Ms. Greel said with allowing live theatrics outside for entertainment its not keeping it a level playing field. She said she's not sure anyone else does that. Mr. Santo agreed. Mr. Feldman said it's a COVID concern and there is no other choice. Ms. Rennard stated the Board of Health issued an order today that there is now an inside mask mandate again and people need to be wearing a mask inside while not eating or drinking. Sgt. Ball suggested the Board approved it on a trial. Mr. Santo said that would probably be best until August 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Santo motioned to permanently approve the inside theatrical performances, the outside theatrical performances until August 30<sup>th</sup> on Sundays from 3-6pm and up to a 3 piece live amplified or acoustic band 7 days a week from 12-8pm and no dancing buy patron to be allowed. Ms. Greel seconded. Motion carried. Roll call vote 3-0.

7. Application for a Sub-licensee Fortune telling License at A Sacred Place Wellness Center, 2 East India Square Mall. Applicant: Isabelle Peabody.

Ms. Peabody presented the application along with owner Daryl Bennett. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Motion carried. Roll call vote 3-0.

8. Continued - Hearing with Brothers Taverna, 283 Derby St. from July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, regarding an alleged violation of their liquor license on February 14, 2021, specifically exceeding the number of patrons allowed per their license in the business and allowing an illegality on the premises. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Motion carried. Roll call vote 3-0.

Continue to new meeting date of August 30, 2021.

9. Continued – Hearing with La Delicia, 75 Congress St. regarding an alleged violation of their liquor license on May 21, 2021, specifically serving after hours.

Applicant is still not available. Continue until August 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Motion carried. Roll call vote 3-0.

10. Approval of Licensing Board meeting minutes from January 11, February 8 & 22, March 22, April 12 & 26 and May 10 & 24, 2021. Ms. Pagliaro will send meeting minutes to Board members for approval on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Motion carried. Roll call vote 3-0.

11. New Business/Old Business: None

12. Adjournment: 7:38pm. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Motion carried. Roll call vote 3-0.