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LICENSING BOARD MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

The Salem Licensing Board met on Monday, August 30, 2021 at 6:00 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.

1. Application for a One Day Liquor License for a Thank you Open House at the Hamilton Hall on September 26, 2021, from 2-4pm for 70 people. Applicant: Michael Selbst.
Ms. Pagliaro presented the completed application. Mr. Santo asked who was serving. Ms. Pagliaro said she would inquire. Ms. Greel motioned to approve contingent upon getting the name of who is serving. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0
2. Application for a Store Fortune telling License at 254 Essex St. Suite #201. Applicant: Edgewalkers, Athena Desai.
Ms. Pagliaro said all the required paperwork was in order but is waiting for CORI results. Mr. Santo motioned to approve contingent upon CORI. Ms. Greel seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.
3. Application for a Sub-licensee Fortune Telling license at Crow Haven Corner. Applicant: Amy Ranbarger.
Ms. Pagliaro presented the application as applicant was having a hard time connecting. She said all the paperwork was in order. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.
4. Application to amend entertainment license to include permanent outdoor entertainment for live music up to two performers, amplified or acoustic on Thursday nights from 6-8pm (rain dates on Sundays). Applicant: VFW, 95 Derby St.
Manager Rick Mullins was present. Mr. Barrett asked what they are looking for. Rick said to amend the entertainment license to add permanent outdoor entertainment on Thursdays from 6-8pm with a rain night of Sundays. He said they have downloaded a decibel application and he checks the sounds levels. Mr. Barrett asked about the complaints. Ms. Rennard said it was one person who called in the complaints. She said they decibel can't be over ten decibels at ambient level which is measured before music plays. Ms. Greel said she feels the hours are reasonable. Mr. Santo said the request if for permanent, but he would suggest a thirty-day trial and go from there. He motioned to approve a 30-day trial and said the noise levels should not be above 10 decibels and ambient sound level from the sidewalk or across the street. Ms. Greel seconded. Mr. Barrett said the motion carries. Roll call voter 3-0.

5. Application for a One Day Liquor License for Professional Burlesque Society at The Bridge at 211, 211 Bridge St. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 3, 4 & 5th, 2021, from 7:30-11:30 pm for 125 people. Applicant: Alex Newman.

Alex said they are a 15 year old profit. He said the event will be at 211 having day classes and performances at night. He said beverages will be served by Exquisite Events from Cambridge. Ms., Rennard asked if they were a 12C. Alex said they were not. Ms. Rennard said they will need a police detail as well. Sgt. Doyle said they can call Sgt. White. Mr. Santo motioned to approve subject to all regulations being followed. Ms. Greel seconded. Mr. Barrett said motioned carried. Roll call vote 3-0.
6. Continued - Hearing with Brothers Taverna, 283 Derby St. from July 26th 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.

Ms. Rennard said she had spoken to Attorney Colarusso and the last the Board met they continued the Hearing so she could speak to the DA about viewing the tape. After Attorney Colarusso viewed the tape he agreed to stipulate to the fact that there were over 47 patrons in the restaurant on the night of the incident. She said the Hearing left off with his client on the stand. Attorney Colarusso said that there is nothing further at this time. He said the establishment has made some changes and no longer is holding events like the dance event on February 14, 2021 and they are closing earlier at night. He asked the Board to take that under consideration when they are deciding on what punishment should be given. Mr. Barrett asked about history. Ms. Rennard said that on 2019 the ABCC conducted a sting and they found underage drinkers in the establishment. She said the restaurant settled that with the ABCC. Sgt. Doyle said the hearing with the ABCC involved 4 cases of underage drinking. They had two serve a two day suspension and they had two held in abeyance. Sgt. Doyle suggested a seven day suspension. Mr. Santo said just by keeping the capacity to where it should have been a lot could have been avoided that night. Ms. Barrett said he would be in line with that and them serving some and holding some in abeyance. Mr. Santo agreed on a 4 served and 3 held in abeyance for two years. Ms. Greel motioned to suspend the license for seven days serving 4 days in September (12, 13, 14 and 15th) and 3 days held in abeyance for two years. Mr. Barret said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.
7. Continued – Hearing with La Delicia, 75 Congress St. regarding an alleged violation of their liquor license on May 21, 2021, specifically serving after hours.

Ms. Rennard said this will be continued as the applicant has asked for a Spanish interpreter. He is asking that the Board continue the Hearing until September 13, 2021. Ms. Greel motioned to continue. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.
8. Amendment of Rules and Regulations for Street Performers to require CORI checks, online application and prohibit use/tie-up to City infrastructure or use of stationary props.

Ms. Rennard is asking the Board to authorize her to amend the rules & regulations relative to CORI's and props they have. Ms. Greel agrees as some of them bring along things like dogs that could be an issue. Ms. Rennard will also work with Sgt. Doyle and Sgt. Ball. Mr. Santo motioned to authorize the City Solicitor to amend the rules and regulations for Street Performers. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.
9. Approval of Licensing Board meeting minutes from January 11, February 8 & 22, March 22, April 12 & 26. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries.
10. New Business/Old Business:

Sgt. Doyle said he cannot make the September 13th meeting for the Hearing on La Delicia and asked to hold it on the 27th of September. Ms. Greel voted for a new motion for the Hearing to be held on September 27, 2021. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.
11. Adjournment: 6:56 p.m. Ms. Greel motioned to adjourn. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Roll call vote 3-0.