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LICENSING BOARD MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

A meeting was held on Monday, **May 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** via remote participation in accordance with Governor Baker's Emergency Order dated March 12, 2020. In attendance were: Chairman Gary Barrett (joined at 6:05pm), members Gary Santo and Deb Greel, City Solicitor Beth Rennard, Special Investigator to the Boards, Sgt. John Doyle and Clerk of the Board Melissa Pagliaro.

1. Application for Common Victualler License and Entertainment License at 96 North Street. Applicant: Salem's Retreat, LLC. (formerly Leslie's Retreat)

Nicole Burke presented the application. She said that she had started preparing the restaurant before COVID, and would like to open soon for breakfast and lunch and later on for dinner if she can obtain a liquor license. Ms. Rennard said to contact either herself or Ms. Pagliaro about that. She said that for entertainment she is requesting TV's and she may come back later for some live entertainment. City Solicitor recommends approval subject to completing all submission requirements. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Motion carries. Vote was confirmed by a roll call vote, 2-0.

2. Application for a Transfer of an Annual All Alcohol Package Store License at 21 Trader's Way (currently Highland Plaza Liquors, Inc.) Applicant: SWAR, LLC d/b/a Market Wine & Spirits.

Attorney Alexander Furey presented the application. He said that owner, Ms., Patel will also be the manager and onsite 40 plus hours a week. He said she is TIPS certified and will have all staff be certified and that the store will continue to operate as is. Sgt. Doyle said at one point there was an issue at that location with underage tobacco sales but have been no issues since. City Solicitor recommends approval subject to completing all submission requirements. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Vote was confirmed by a roll call vote, 3-0.

3. Application for a Change of Sunday Hours. Applicant: Deep Liquors, 125 Canal Street.

Ms. Pagliaro said this is a simple application to the State but that has to be approved by the Board. She said all the required paperwork was in and ready to be sent so the store can open at 10am on Sundays. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Vote was confirmed by a roll call vote, 3-0.

4. Application for Outdoor Seating and Entertainment. Piped-in and live music, DJ and television. Hours of Operation: Mon-Thurs. 6 to 10pm, Friday and Sat. 6 to 11 pm and Sunday 2 to 10 pm. Applicant: Salem Waterfront Hotel, 23 Congress St.

Attorney Egan presented the application. City Solicitor explained that this location has an existing unused license. Next year construction will begin the extension of existing hotel (4 stories). This year outdoor space to be built out for temporary outdoor dining. Recommend approval subject to approval of health and building departments. On entertainment asking for noon to 11pm. Ms. Greel said that a lot of hours with entertainment and to just think about the impact of other places

around. Attorney Egan said that would be the maximum use and once they see where they are at, they will determine exactly what they will be doing. He said they do not want to interfere with any other establishments as most of them are their tenants. Sgt. Doyle asked where patio would be located as there were issues with some tenants a few years back that lived above Victoria Station. Ms. Rennard said it would be located near the Congress Street entrance. Mr. Santo motioned to approve. Ms. Greel seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Vote was confirmed by a roll call vote, 3-0.

5. Application for Salem Arts Festival for a blanket license and entertainment license to operate the Salem Arts Festival in the area surrounding Derby Square, Artists' Row, the Salem Common, Hawthorne Boulevard, Charlotte Forten Park, Lappin Park, and the Essex Street Pedestrian Mall for June 4-6, 2021, including performances, a street fair, and interactive art-making activities. The hours would be 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, and 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Applicant: Salem Main Streets, Kylie Sullivan.

Ms. Sullivan said that this will be the 13th year and that lots of adjustments have been made for COVID. She said it is a little more spread out over the ped mall, Derby Sq and Artist Row. She said there will be half of the street performers and vendors that there normally are. She said they are trying to keep density down. Ms. Greel motioned to approve. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Vote was confirmed by a roll call vote, 3-0.

6. New Business/Old Business:

*Ms. Rennard & Sgt. Doyle said there would be a complaint for Brothers Taverna at a future meeting.

*Sgt. Doyle said there was also an issue of Serving after hours at La Delicia on Congress Street over the weekend.

*Mr. Barrett asked if everything was set with the minutes posted online now. Ms. Rennard said there was a set from April that was not posted that is now.

*Ms. Greel asked about an update on Street performers. Ms. Rennard said we are working on that and restrictions have been lifted.

*Ms. Greel said someone mentioned to her that there was speaker music on all night at Rockefella's. She said she is guessing someone just left the patio speakers on accidentally.

7. Adjournment: Ms. Greel motioned to adjourn at 6:39pm. Mr. Santo seconded. Mr. Barrett said motion carries. Vote was confirmed by a roll call vote, 3-0.