



# NORTHAMPTON LICENSE COMMISSION

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## MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street

4:00 p.m.

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Commissioner Yakovlev at 4:02 p.m.  
**ROLL CALL** – Commissioners Yakovlev and Kahn were present. Commissioner Campedelli was absent.  
**ANNOUNCEMENT OF AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING** made by Commissioner Yakovlev

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

3. **APPLICATION FOR SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSE**

Ireland Forever Foundation d/b/a Ireland Forever Festival

Date/Time: Saturday, May 30, 2020, 11:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Location: Three County Fairgrounds

Event: Irish Cultural Festival

Type: All Alcohol

Tim Driscoll, a former liquor license holder in the City of Northampton, was present for this application. Mr. Driscoll stated this is the first year for the event. The Northampton Police Department will be helping with security and the Fire Department will be on site. The event closes at 10 p.m. but alcohol will stop being served at 9 p.m. The event will be indoors in the soccer arena.

**Commissioner Kahn moved approval of the short term liquor license for Ireland Forever Foundation on May 30, 2020. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

5. **APPLICATION FOR SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSE**

Trustees of Forbes Library

Date/Time: April 1, 2020, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Forbes Library, 20 West Street

Event: Trustees Award Ceremony

Type: All Alcoholic

Fee: Request Fee Waiver

Lisa Downing, Executive Director of Forbes Library, was present for this application and stated the event is the annual awards ceremony for the Trustees. There will be a brief program with a presentation and wine and lights refreshments will be served. Ms. Downing pointed out that the application should have indicated a wine and malt license and requested that change.

**Commissioner Yakovlev moved approval of the short term wine and malt liquor license for Forbes Library on April 1, 2020, in addition to fee waiver request. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

**6. APPLICATION FOR SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSE**

Notch 8, Inc. d/b/a Union Station, Tunnel Bar, Platform Bar, The Deck

Date/Time: April 1, 2020, 4 – 7 p.m.

Location: Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School, 80 Locust St.

Event: Arrive at 5

Type: Wine & Malt

Jeremiah Micka, owner of Union Station, Tunnel Bar, Platform Bar, The Deck, was present for this application and stated the event is a Northampton Chamber Arrive at 5 event being held in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity. The event will be held in the cafeteria and the contiguous outdoor parking lot which will be roped off. Mr. Micka will be serving a few beers and a few different red and white wines. Smith Vocational is expected between 80 – 120 people.

**Commissioner Kahn moved approval of the short term liquor license for Notch 8, Inc. for April 1, 2020. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

**7. APPLICATION FOR SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSE**

Cooper's Dairyland of Northampton, Inc. d/b/a Cooper's Corner

Date/Time: June 6, 2020, 3 – 10 p.m.

Location: Parking Lot of Cooper's Corner, 31 Main St., Florence

Event: Florence Night Out

Type: Wine & Malt

Richard Cooper, owner of Cooper's Corner and State Street Fruit Store, were present for this application and stated he hopes to serve wine at the second annual Florence Night Out. A few different wines will be offered for sampling and the parking lot will be roped off. The event ends at 10 p.m. but serving will stop at 9 p.m.

**Commissioner Kahn moved approval of the short term liquor license for Cooper's Dairyland of Northampton, Inc. for June 6, 2020. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion was approved 2-0.**

**8. APPLICATION FOR SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSE**

Northampton Center for the Arts

Date/Time: Friday, March 6, 2020, 7 – 10 p.m.

Location: 33 Hawley Street

Event: Dance Concert & Photography Exhibit Opening

Type: Wine & Malt

Fee: Request Fee Waiver

Joanna Walker was present and stated this application is for a reception after a dance concert and photography exhibit opening. Setup will be the same as usual.

**Commissioner Yakovlev moved approval of the short term liquor license. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

**9. PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER AND CHANGE OF LOCATION ON A SECTION 15 ANNUAL ALL ALCOHOL LIQUOR LICENSE**

Oxbow Wines, LLC d/b/a Provisions

30 Crafts Avenue

Transfer from: Hinglag Corp. d/b/a King Street Liquors, 166 King Street

Andrew Bruce McAmis was present for this application and stated that Oxbow Wines, LLC has a contract with Hinglag, Corp. to acquire King Street Liquors along with the liquor license and transfer the all alcohol

package store license to the 30 Crafts Avenue location. In a separate transaction, an application is being made to transfer the wine and malt package store license from 30 Crafts Avenue to 166 King Street.

**Commissioner Yakovlev moved to open the public hearing at 4:15 p.m. Commissioner Kahn seconded. Seeing no one wishing to comment, Commissioner Yakovlev moved to close the public hearing at 4:15 p.m. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

**Commissioner Yakovlev moved approval of the transfer and change of location from Hinglag, Corp. d/b/a King Street Liquors, 166 King Street, to Oxbow Wines, LLC d/b/a Provisions, 30 Crafts Ave. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

**10. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF LOCATION AND CHANGE OF DBA ON A SECTION 15 ANNUAL WINE & MALT LIQUOR LICENSE**

Oxbow Wines, LLC d/b/a Bottle-O  
166 King Street

Change of location from 30 Crafts Avenue to 166 King Street

Change of DBA from Provisions to Bottle-O

Andrew Bruce McAmis was present and stated this application is intended to move the current wine and malt package store license located at 30 Crafts Avenue to 166 King Street and operate at the location under the d/b/a Bottle-O. The closing on the business is dependent on ABCC approval but the plan is to close within two weeks of receiving ABCC approval. This may not be the permanent location for Bottle-O but it will be in the interim. It may take several weeks or close to a month to open and start operating on King Street.

**Commissioner Yakovlev moved to open the public hearing at 4:19 p.m. Commissioner Kahn seconded. Seeing no one wishing to comment, Commissioner Yakovlev moved to close the public hearing at 4:19 p.m. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

**Commissioner Kahn moved approval of the change of location and change of DBA for Oxbow Wines, LLC d/b/a Bottle-O to 166 King Street.**

**11. APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF MANAGER ON AN ANNUAL ALL ALCOHOL RESTAURANT BEVERAGES LICENSE**

Rias Baixas, LLC d/b/a Ibiza Tapas  
7 Strong Ave.

Previous manager: Benson Hyde

Proposed manager: Jeremy Werther

Jeremy Werther was present for this application and stated this application is to ensure the right people are the license because Mr. Werther spends the most time of anyone on the premises.

**Commissioner Yakovlev moved approval of the change of manager application for Rias Baixas, LLC d/b/a Ibiza Tapas to Jeremy Werther. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

**12. APPLICATION FOR A CHANGE OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS AND CHANGE OF MANAGER ON AN ANNUAL ALL ALCOHOLIC CLUB LICENSE**

Northampton Lodge Number 997 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
17 Spring St., Florence

Previous manager: Barbara Franklin

Proposed manager: Tara Beaulieu

Donna Yerkes, Treasurer for the Elks, was present for this application and stated that this application is a reconsideration from an application that was submitted in November 2018 that was subsequently kicked back by the ABCC because the board of directors did not match the Secretary of State's records. There is also a new manager in place with 25 years of experience in the restaurant business and 10 years as a bartender.

**Commissioner Kahn moved approval of the change of manager and change of officers and directors for the Northampton Lodge Number 997 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

**13. REQUEST TO RESCIND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSES**

Academy of Music

Location: 274 Main St.

Type: Wine & Malt

Date/Time: Sunday, February 23, 2020, 1 – 6 p.m.

Event: Back to the Baystate Concert

Date/Time: Saturday, February 29, 2020, 6 – 11 p.m.

Event: Back Porch Bluegrass with the Travelin' McCourys, Della Mae, Hawktail

Date/Time: Sunday, March 1, 2020, 7 – 11 p.m.

Event: Marty Stuart & His Fabulous Superlatives with Laura Cantrell

Date/Time: Friday, March 13, 2020, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Event: A St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn

Date/Time: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Event: An Evening with David Sedaris

The clerk explained that the February 29 and March 1 licenses were duplicates and had already been approved. The March 13 and April 8 events will not need a liquor license in the end.

Commissioner Yakovlev thought that the wine and malt was served at the Back to the Baystate Concert. The clerk will investigate this matter.

**Commissioner Kahn moved to rescind the short term liquor licenses for February 29, March 1, March 13 and April 8 and will push the request to rescind the February 23 license to the April meeting. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

**14. REQUEST TO SET VIOLATION HEARING DATE**

21-23 Center Street, LLC d/b/a Center Street Café/The Basement

21 Center Street

Manager: Eric Suher

Date of violation: February 23, 2020

**Seeing that this violation is not very serious and pressing, Commissioner Yakovlev moved to schedule the violation hearing on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, during the next regular meeting of the License Commission. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

**15. REQUEST APPROVAL OF 2020 SEASONAL LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS PENDING RECEIPT OF ALL APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS**

- a. Lic. #13 Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden Agricultural Society – Beer Hall

- b. Lic. #75 Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden Agricultural Society – Infield
- c. Lic. #140 Florence Pie Bar
- d. Lic. #96 Sangtawan, Inc. d/b/a Thai Thai
- e. Lic. #112 Frank Newhall Look Memorial Park, Inc. d/b/a Pines Theater

The clerk explained that she doesn't foresee any issues with the renewal of seasonal licenses. Two licensees have already renewed and license holders have until the end of March.

**Commissioner Kahn moved to renew the 2020 seasonal liquor licenses pending receipt of all appropriate documents. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

**16. DISCUSSION OF ABCC ADMINISTRATIVE FEES PURSUANT TO THE NORTHAMPTON LICENSE COMMISSION'S RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The clerk explained that there was a survey done of various cities and towns in Massachusetts and the results of the survey showed that Northampton has the lowest administrative fee for ABCC transactions. It is worth noting that there are communities that do not charge a fee.

Commissioner Yakovlev pushed this agenda item to the April meeting so that the whole Commission can discuss it.

**17. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE INCREASE IN RENEWAL FEE FOR LICENSE HOLDERS WITH AN APPROVED CORDIALS/LIQUEURS PERMIT**

The clerk explained that with the newly allowed permit for wine and malt beverage holders to obtain a cordials/liqueurs permit, a discussion to increase the renewal fee should take place because now these license holders have the ability to expand their offerings.

Commissioner Yakovlev pushed this agenda item to the April meeting so that the whole Commission can discuss this topic.

**18. 2020 LICENSE RENEWAL UPDATE**

- Licenses that have not renewed

**19. CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF 2020 LICENSE HOLDERS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THEIR LICENSE**

- Pine Grove

**4. APPLICATION FOR SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSES**

Click Workspace

Dates: Thursday, March 26, 2020

Friday, April 17, 2020

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Location: Click Workspace, 9 ½ Market St.

Event: Click Music Series

Time: 6 – 9 p.m.

Type: Wine & Malt

Mary Yun was now present for this application. She stated that all servers are alcohol ServSafe certified and the event will be held in the same manner as usual.

**Commissioner Kahn moved approval of the short term liquor license for Click Workspace for March 26, April 17 and May 14. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

**19. (Continued...) CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF 2020 LICENSE HOLDERS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THEIR LICENSE**

- Calvin Theater and The Basement discussion
- Pocket licenses
- Ibiza Tapas

**20. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- February 5, 2020

**Commissioner Yakovlev moved to push the approval of the February 5, 2020, minutes to the April 1, 2020, meeting. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.**

**21. NEW BUSINESS - *Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.***

**22. ADJOURN**

**Commissioner Yakovlev moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 p.m. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously 2-0.**

***The next meeting of the Northampton License Commission is scheduled for April 1, 2020.***