



NORTHAMPTON LICENSE COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street

4:00 p.m.

- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Commissioner Campedelli at 4:11 p.m.
ROLL CALL – Present: Commissioner Yakovlev and Commissioner Campedelli.
Absent: Commissioner Kahn
ANNOUNCEMENT OF AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING made by Commissioner Campedelli
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
- 3. APPLICATION FOR SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSE**
Vision Entertainment, LLC
Date/Time: Saturday, August 10, 2019, 12 – 5 p.m.
Location: Northampton Center for the Arts, 33 Hawley St.
Event: Local Business Day Party/Hustle & Flow
Type: Wine & Malt

Brenton Jenkins was present for this application. He stated they have hired TIPS certified bartenders for the event and there will be three caterers providing food. Mr. Jenkins will talk to Melissa at the Arts Trust about best placement for the bar.

Commissioner Yakovlev's concern is that the Arts Trust has multiple doors with a lot of entry and exit points.

Mr. Jenkins stated he has done events at the Arts Trust before and the bar has been set up upstairs with one point of entry. The elevator will be used for vendors only, the stairs will be blocked off and everyone over 21 will have a wristband.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to approve the application for short term liquor license. Commissioner Campedelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

- 4. APPLICATION FOR SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSE**
The Good Dog Spot, Inc.
Date/Time: Saturday, August 17, 2019, 4 – 7 p.m.
Location: The Good Dog Spot, 139 King Street
Event: Summer Santa Yappy Hour & Open House
Type: Wine & Malt

Jennifer, the facility manager, was present for this application. The event is an open house for existing clients to bring their dogs and see the facility, visit with the trainers and meet the vendors. All proceeds will go to Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Control & Adoption Center and Rainbow Rescue. There will be a wine tasting with three different wines and possibly sangria. The wine is from Table & Vine and only for adult clients.

Commissioner Yakovlev inquired about parking.

Jennifer stated there is no parking in the back but Anytime Fitness, Autopart International and King Auto has agreed to allow parking in their parking lots.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to approve the application for short term liquor license. Commissioner Campedelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

5. APPLICATIONS FOR SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSES

The Academy of Music, Inc. d/b/a Academy of Music

Location: 274 Main Street

Type: Wine & Malt

Date/Time: July 7, 2019, 7:30 – 11:30 p.m.

Event: Aimee Mann Concert

Date/Time: August 22, 2019, 7:30 – 11:30 p.m.

Event: The Allman Betts Band

Date/Time: September 20, 2019, 7:30 – 11:30 p.m.

Event: Cat Power

Date/Time: September 27, 2019, 7:30 – 11:30 p.m.

Event: Comedian Bob Marley

Date/Time: October 4, 2019, 7:30 – 11:30 p.m.

Event: Graham Nash

Melissa Cleary, theater manager, was present for these applications. The events are being held the same as usual.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to approve the application for the short term liquor licenses and approved the fee waiver request. Commissioner Campedelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

6. APPLICATION FOR A FARM WINERY LIQUOR LICENSE

Outlook Spirit d/b/a Outlook Farm Winery

Dates/Time: April 27, 2019 – November 9, 2019, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Location: 8 Gothic Street

Event: Saturday Farmer's Market

Type: Farm Winer Liquor License

Jeff Morse was present for this application. This year they will be providing samples at the Farmers Market.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to approve the application for farm winery short term liquor license. Commissioner Campedelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

7. APPLICATIONS FOR SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSE

The Beer Guy, LLC

Date/Time: Wednesday, July 24, 2019, 4 – 7 p.m.

Location: 35 Conz Street

Event: Open House/Ribbon Cutting for Haydenville Woodworking & Design

Type: Wine & Malt

Dave Capriati was present for this application. He has done events at Look Park in the past. He will be bringing his trailer to the open house which will be set up with the back of the trailer against the barn doors, there will be food, and a champagne toast.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to approve the application for short term liquor license. Commissioner Campedelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

8. APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO AN ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

Doc, Doyle & Company, LLC d/b/a Caminito
7 Old South Street

Proposed additional entertainment: Outdoor movie screening on patio

No one was present for this application.

9. APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF MANAGER ON AN ALL ALCOHOL RESTAURANT LICENSE

1 Bridge Street, Inc. d/b/a Spoleto
1 Bridge Street

Previous manager: William Collins

Proposed manager: Cassandra Hayes

Cassandra Hayes was present for this application. She stated she got her Servsafe certification but it wasn't a Servsafe alcohol certification. She has been TIPS certified in the past but it has expired.

Commissioner Campedelli asked if Ms. Hayes has ever been a manger on a liquor license before and if she is aware that she is liable for any disturbance or violation on the premises, whether present or not.

Ms. Hayes stated she is aware of that and she has not been a manager on a liquor license before. She was hired as a server four months ago and was promoted to manager. She will also be helping out at Mama Iguana's soon as well.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to approve the application for change of manager to Cassandra Hayes. The physical license cannot be issued until the clerk is in receipt of TIPS certification. Commissioner Campedelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

10. APPLICATION FOR SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSE

Michael F. Curtin VFW Post 8006

Date/Time: Saturday, July 27, 2019, 12 – 5 p.m.

Location: 18 Meadow Street

Event: Pig Roast

Type: Wine & Malt

Thomas Pease, Commander of the VFW, was present for this application. This is the 5th year for the pig roast and set up will be in the parking lot. There will be a tent with food and beer and wine. All servers are TIPS certified. There will be parking at the Civic Center and 125-150 people are expected to attend.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to approve the application for short term liquor license. Commissioner Campedelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 3, 2019

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to approve the minutes from April 3, 2019. Commissioner Campedelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

- June 5, 2019

Commissioner Campedelli moved to table the vote on the June 5, 2019, minutes until Commissioner Kahn is present. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

12. CLERK'S UPDATE

- Recent Audit of Dealerships

The Office of Consumer Affairs (OCA) conducted an audit of dealerships to assess compliance with Massachusetts Lemon Laws. They chose Country Hyundai, Inc. and Ford of Northampton. Ford was 100% in compliance and Country Hyundai was only 85% in compliance. The OCA asks the local licensing authority to take appropriate action, for any dealership with less than 100% compliance, to protect local consumers and mandate the dealership's compliance with the law.

The clerk drafted a letter to send to Country Hyundai.

Commissioner Yakovlev stated that the letter should indicate that Country Hyundai needs to confirm in writing, within 30 days, that they have taken the necessary steps to become 100% compliant.

- Fine in Lieu of Suspension – Notch 8, Inc.

The clerk informed the Commission that Notch 8, Inc. paid a fine in lieu of suspension to the ABCC in the amount of \$8,690.00 so that the four day violation that was found on March 12, 2019, is rescinded.

- Parking Passes

The clerk provided the commissioners with their FY20 parking passes.

13. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Yakovlev stated that some of the establishments that are approved for service of alcohol at outdoor tables and chairs do not have delineating lines and are in stark contrast with the establishments that are following the ABCC guidelines for extension of premises to outdoor areas. Moshi Moshi has delineating lines and barriers however across the street, Toasted Owl and Fitzwilly's do not. Commissioner Yakovlev mentioned that Amanouz Café does not have delineating lines or barriers either. She suggested sending a letter reminding establishments what needs to be done and what they need to do to become compliant. The clerk will walk around to determine who is in compliance with the guidelines for service of alcohol at outdoor tables and chairs and who is not. The clerk will send letters to the establishments that are not in compliance.

Commissioner Yakovlev stated that with some Iron Horse Entertainment Group properties being in the news recently, individuals will start asking about the liquor licenses that Eric Suher holds. She requested an update on the state of his licenses.

The clerk stated there is no longer a license at the First Baptist Church (298 Main St.) because it was transferred to the Green Room and Mr. Suher does not hold any pocket licenses.

The clerk stated that the news articles make it sound like employees are filing complaints with the Attorney General's office so if Iron Horse Entertainment Group and Mr. Suher are found liable, a fair wage bond is required. After a brief discussion about fair wage bonds, the clerk will ask City Solicitor Seewald to attend the next regular meeting to discuss a procedure and possibly a policy for handling the fair wage bond procedure including how to arrive at an amount.

14. ADJOURN

Commissioner Campedelli moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

The next meeting of the Northampton License Commission is scheduled for August 7, 2019.