



NORTHAMPTON LICENSE COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street

3:00 p.m.

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Commissioner Campedelli at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioner Campedelli, Commissioner Yakovlev

Absent: Commissioner Kahn

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING made by Commissioner Campedelli

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

3. **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

Brian Doyle, owner of Caminito, was present for this application. Mr. Doyle stated that while the weather is nice he'd like to screen a movie on Monday evenings around 8:30 p.m. on the patio. There will be wireless speakers placed on the patio and kept at a very low volume. The kitchen closes at 9 p.m. so meal service will be closed but popcorn, movie snacks and dessert items will be offered. The sound will most likely be kept lower than the acoustic guitarist.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved approval of the amendment to the entertainment license. Commissioner Campedelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

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

Oxbow Water Ski Show Team

Date/Time: Saturday, July 27, 2019, 11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday, July 28, 2019, 11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Old Springfield Road, Northampton

Event: 35th Eastern Region Ski Show Competition

Type: Wine & Malt

Sarah LaPrade was present to represent this application. The event will have the same set up as it has in the past.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved approval of the short term liquor license contingent upon a valid copy of liquor liability insurance given to the clerk as soon as possible. Commissioner Campedelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

5. APPLICATION FOR SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSE

Trustees of Forbes Library d/b/a Forbes Library

Date/Time: Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Location: 20 West St.

Event: Art Exhibit Reception

Type: Wine & Malt

Fee: Request Fee Waiver

Dylan Gaffney was present for this application. The set up for the event is the same as always.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved approval of the short term liquor license including the request for a fee waiver. Commissioner Campedelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

6. DISCUSSION ON OUTDOOR SEATING WITH ALCOHOL SERVICE

The clerk researched establishments that have been approved for alcohol service at outdoor tables and chairs and provided the following:

- All restaurants that have outdoor seating with alcohol service, have a tables and chairs permit from the DPW
- Amanouz Café received approval for an extension of premises to include two tables and chairs on May 3, 2006. Nothing in the minutes indicate that he was told or is aware of the requirement to delineate and control the outdoor seating area with a fence, rope or other means to prevent access from a public walkway. The clerk suggested sending a letter informing the owner of the requirement, enclose the ABCC guidelines and request that he become compliant within 30 days.

The commission agreed with the clerk's suggestion and instructed her to send a letter to Amanouz Café requiring corrective action within 30 days.

- Fresh Pasta received approval for an extension of premises to include two tables in front of the building on April 12, 2006. Nothing in the minutes indicate that the owner was aware of the requirement to delineate and control the outdoor seating area. However, on May 4, 2011, Fresh Pasta received approval for service of alcohol at outdoor tables and chairs in the back portion of their establishment. In the minutes, Mr. Milani (co-owner of Fresh Pasta) stated that bollards and potted trees would be the barriers for the area. This suggests the owners are aware of the requirement to delineate the area. The clerk suggested sending a letter enclosing the ABCC guidelines and request corrective action within 30 days.

The commission agreed with the clerk's suggestion and instructed her to send a letter to Fresh Pasta requiring corrective action within 30 days.

- Fitzwilly's/Toasted Owl received approval for an extension of premises to include six tables each with two chairs on July 12, 2011. Currently there are three high-top tables and chairs in front of the establishment. The minutes from the July 12, 2011 meeting read:

- Ms. Reall noted that a licensee can obtain the DPW permit for outdoor tables and chairs, and no barrier needs to be placed if only food is served. The ABCC requires the delineation and control of the area when the service of alcohol is added."

- "Mr. Gohr stated that he understood that he must use a rope or other barrier."

It is unclear whether or not Fitzwilly's/Toasted Owl is serving alcohol outside but if they are, they are in violation of their approved extension of premises. The clerk noted that the high-top tables with no chairs suggest that individuals are not eating outside but maybe either smoking cigarettes or waiting for a table.

Commissioner Yakovlev stated she has seen people drinking beer outside at the high-top tables.

The commissioner instructed the clerk to send a letter to Fitzwilly's informing them of the requirement to include barriers and include the layout that was approved in 2011.

Commissioner Yakovlev stated that La Veracruzana doesn't have a delineation either. The clerk will check on this and send a letter accordingly.

7. CLERK'S UPDATE

- City Solicitor Seewald attending Wednesday, August 7, 2019 meeting

The clerk informed the commission that City Solicitor Seewald will be attending the Wednesday, August 7 meeting to discuss a procedure in which the commission determines fair wage bond amounts.

8. NEW BUSINESS - None

9. ADJOURN

Commissioner Campedelli moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:14 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.