



NORTHAMPTON LICENSE COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 3, 2022
Virtual Meeting
4:30 p.m.

The February 3, 2022, License Commission meeting was held via remote participation.

Join Virtual Meeting

- **Video Conference:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86140454568?pwd=YQpSR0VudnduaDdBd3owWW1PWmJsZz09>

OR

- **Telephone, call:** +1-929-436-2866, Meeting ID: 861 4045 4568, Password: 358814

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Commissioner Yakovlev at 4:31 p.m.
ROLL CALL - Commissioners Yakovlev and Kahn were both present
ANNOUNCEMENT OF ZOOM RECORDING made by Commissioner Yakovlev

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

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

The Academy of Music, Inc., 274 Main Street
Date/Time: Saturday, February 26, 2022, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Event: Bruce Cockburn
Requests Fee Waiver

Melissa Cleary was present for this application and stated the event will be managed the same as usual.

Commissioner Kahn moved to approve the application for a short term liquor license for the Academy of Music on February 26, 2022. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0 by a roll call vote.

4. **APPLICATION FOR A NEW ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE**

Cafe Balagan, 241 Main St.
DJs, Singers, Comedy - Wednesday through Sunday, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Adi Nagli was present and stated that Cafe Balagan will start with having entertainment one night a week and see how it goes. Adi stated he plans to have light music with a possible DJ and maybe some comedy.

Commissioner Yakovlev noted that if there are any noise complaints the Commission will call the licensee in to address any issues.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to approve the application for a new entertainment license for Cafe Balagan, LLC for DJs, singers, and comedy Wednesday through Sunday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0 by a roll call vote.

5. APPLICATION FOR A CHANGE OF DBA ON A COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE

Rias Baixas, LLC d/b/a Homestead.
5-7 Strong Ave.

Jeremy Werther was present and stated he was appreciative of the Commission's handling of the liquor license and is happy to be wrapping up the issue and moving forward positively.

Commissioner Kahn moved to approve the change of DBA on a common victualler license to Homestead. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0 by a roll call vote.

6. TO CONSIDER TEMPORARILY DELEGATING TO THE CLERK TO THE COMMISSION THE AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE PREMISES COVERED BY A COMMON VICTUALLERS LICENSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING OUTDOOR DINING AND TO EXECUTE SUCH EXTENSION OF PREMISES ON BEHALF OF A MAJORITY OF THE LICENSE COMMISSION

The clerk noted that the Commission has given her permission to approve extension of premises for Common Victualler license holders in the past in order to facilitate outdoor dining and mitigate the need for extra meetings.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to temporarily delegate to the clerk of the commission the authority to extend the premises covered by a common victuallers license for the purpose of facilitating outdoor dining and to execute such extension of premises on behalf of a majority of the License Commission. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 1, 2021
- January 5, 2022
- January 18, 2022

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to approve the December 1, 2021, January 5, 2022 and January 18, 2022, minutes as written. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 2-0 by a roll call vote.

8. NEW BUSINESS

(Reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed.)

The clerk informed the Commission that Summer on Strong will be happening again this year so it should expect applications for outdoor dining and Summer on Strong on upcoming meeting agendas.

The clerk informed the Commission that the City Council approved another iteration of the Mayor's order that would allow her to make changes to the public way for outdoor dining. The clerk also noted that the state will be extending the relaxation of restrictions to facilitate outdoor dining for a longer period of time.

Commissioner Kahn noted that at a future meeting the Chamber of Commerce will be applying for a short term liquor license for All Out Adventures, of which employs Commissioner Kahn. Commissioner Kahn noted she has reached out to Attorney Seewald for guidance on how to proceed.

Commissioner Yakovlev asked whether or not there had been any talks about a third License Commissioner. The clerk noted that the city is waiting until the special legislation is hopefully passed at which time it will search for a new Commissioner. The clerk noted she will follow up to see what the status of the special legislation is.

9. **ADJOURN**

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 p.m. Commissioner Kahn seconded and the meeting was adjourned.