

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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MINUTES

DATE: September 13, 2016

PRESENT: Commissioners McCarthy, Conlin and Gavris

STAFF PRESENT: Sargent George McMains, Maura O’Keefe (Law), Teresa Kett (HHS) and Tiffany Sibulkin (HHS)

Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm

August 16, 2016 Minutes – approved 2-0, Commissioner Conlin abstained because she was not present for the August meeting.

Brief discussion regarding hearing schedule.

The 2017 hearing schedule review was rolled over to the October 25, 2016 hearing.

Discussion on recent incident at The Hotel Indigo.

Sgt. McMains described an incident at Hotel Indigo on 8/14/16 during a pool party, and referring to a police report. The commissioners inquired of any other incidents. The commissioners requested the Hotel Indigo be put on the agenda for May 2017 in advance of next season regarding parties as a follow up to tonight’s discussion in order to discuss a plan of what they are doing for party planning. Later during the meeting, when City Councilor Lenny Gentile spoke in favor of the applications filed by Ward 4 LLC, he informed the commissioners that Hotel Indigo has a special permit and suggested they review a copy. The commissioners requested copy of the Special Permit for the Hotel Indigo to review the conditions.

Discussion of Keno parlor monitor at Highland Farms 69 Waltham Street Newton.

Attorney O’Keefe explained that there are approximately 30 Keno machines in the City of Newton. There is a statutory requirement for the local Board of License Commissioners to receive notice of new applications filed with the State Lottery Commission. The local Board can decide whether or not to object to the permit application. If there are no objections, no action is taken at the local level. Future Keno notifications will need to be posted on the Newton Board of License Commissioners meeting agendas. The Commissioners voted 3-0 that they have no objections to this application, so no action is required.

Continuation of the discussion of BYOB: Bring Your Own Bottle

The commissioners discussed a need for a forum to which best to discuss BYOB. The commissioners discussed having an opportunity for public to comment at the October and November meetings. The commissioners requested that other businesses be invited to the hearing to discuss. Letters should be sent to Common Victualler license holders notifying them of the hearings. An ad should be put in the Newton Tab for the public. Additional groups could also include city councilors, the Chamber of Commerce, the Restaurant Association and area/village councils. Attorney O’Keefe will draft a letter to be sent out and collect a list of who should receive those letters. The commissioners discussed having the open hearing at 6:30pm to give time to discuss this matter. The Commissioners also would like to provide the opportunity for anyone to

comment by email too. Attorney O'Keefe reminded the Commissioners that she has suggested Police Chief MacDonald provided input as well. Sargent McMains said the Police Dept. has concerns about BYOB.

TRANSFER OF STOCK /NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Application filed by: Douglas Gordon, Eastern Beverage Group, d/b/a Newton Warehouse Liquors, 241 Needham Street, Newton, MA 02464. **Transfer of Stock/New Officers and Directors from Anastasios Giannopoulos to Douglas Gordon (100%) to be exercised at 241 Needham Street, Newton, MA 02464.**

Approved 3-0

ONE DAY TEMPORARY WINE AND MALT LICENSE: (Multiple)

Application filed by: Ellen A. Neacy, 144 Hancock Street, Auburndale, MA 02466. **For a one day temporary wine and malt license for a private party on Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 8:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. to be held at The Walker Center for the Ecumenical Exchange, 144 Hancock Street, Auburndale, MA 02464.**

Estimated Attendance: 35, Ages: 35-55

Approved 3-0

Application filed by: Kay Foley, The Second Step, P.O. Box 600213, Newton, MA 02460. **For a one day temporary wine and malt license for Trivia Night, Wednesday, October 26, 2016 from 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. to be held at Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward Street, Newton, MA 02459.**

Estimated Attendance: 100, Ages: 21+

Not Present

Multiple applications filed by: Katherine Hopkins, Mount Ida College, 777 Dedham Street, Newton, MA 02459. All to be held at Mount Ida College 777 Dedham Street, Newton, MA 02459.

**Cocktail party for a one day wine and malt
Wednesday, September 28, 2016 from 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

Estimated Attendance: 30, Ages: 21-65

Approved 3-0, contingent upon receiving check

**Cocktail party for a one day temporary wine and malt
Monday, October 17, 2016 from 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

Estimated Attendance: 30, Ages: 21-65

Approved 3-0, contingent upon receiving updated liquor liability insurance

Application filed by: John Bitner, 113 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02116. **For a one day temporary wine and malt license for a member opening party on Thursday, October 20, 2016 from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. to be held at Longwood Covered Courts, 28 Middlesex Road, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.**

Estimated Attendance: 80, Ages: 25-85

Approved 3-0

Application filed by: Linda De Valpine, 343 Watertown Street, Newton, MA 02458. **For a one day temporary wine and malt license for a chocolate and wine pairing on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 from 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. to be held at Greentail Table, 343 Watertown Street, Newton, MA 02458.**

Estimated Attendance: 24, Ages: 21+

Approved 3-0

Multiple applications filed by: Artur Andronic, 245 Main Street, Apt. 16, Watertown, MA 02472. All to be held at Moldova Restaurant, 344 Watertown Street, Newton, MA 02458.

**Wine tasting paired with Moldovan food
Saturday, September 17, 2016 – 2:00 P.M – 9:00 P.M.
Estimated Attendance: 50, Ages: 21+
Approved 3-0**

**Wine tasting paired with Moldovan food
Saturday, September 24, 2016 – 2:00 P.M – 9:00 P.M.
Estimated Attendance: 50, Ages: 21+
Approved 3-0**

**Wine tasting paired with Moldovan food
Saturday, October 1, 2016 – 2:00 P.M – 9:00 P.M.
Estimated Attendance: 50, Ages: 21+
Approved 3-0**

**Wine tasting paired with Moldovan food
Saturday, October 8, 2016 – 2:00 P.M – 9:00 P.M.
Estimated Attendance: 50, Ages: 21+
Approved 3-0**

**Wine tasting paired with Moldovan food
Saturday, October 15, 2016 – 2:00 P.M – 9:00 P.M.
Estimated Attendance: 50, Ages: 21+
Approved 3-0**

**Wine tasting paired with Moldovan food
Saturday, October 22, 2016 – 2:00 P.M – 9:00 P.M.
Estimated Attendance: 50, Ages: 21+
Approved 3-0**

ONE DAY TEMPORARY ALL ALCOHOL LICENSE AND A ONE DAY TEMPORARY WINE AND MALT LICENSE

Multiple applications filed by: Kelsey Brogna, Lasell College, 1844 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02466. All to be held at Lasell College, 1844 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02466. – Lauren Maclauslin

**Reunion for a one day all alcohol license
Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 8:00 P.M. – 10 P.M.
Estimated Attendance: 200, Ages: 21+
Approved 3-0, updated attendance to 125**

**Private party for a one day wine and malt
Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 12:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Estimated Attendance: 100-150, Ages: 21+
Approved 3-0**

ONE DAY TEMPORARY ALL ALCOHOL LICENSE: (Multiple)

Application filed by: Andrea Newman, 276 Church Street, Newton, MA 02458. For a one day all alcohol license for a private event on Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 6:30 P.M. – 10:30 P.M. to be held at the WSYMCA, 276 Church Street, Newton, MA 02458.

Estimated Attendance: 200, Ages: 21+

Commissioner Gavris recused herself from this discussion because she is on the WSYMCA Board of Directors. Upon review of the file, Commissioners McCarthy and Conlin determined that no application is necessary because the Caterer has an all alcohol license, so no vote was taken.

Application filed by: Peter Diamond, 18 Sterling Street, West Newton, MA 02465. For a one day all alcohol license for a private event on Friday, October 7, 2016 from 6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. to be held at Neighborhood Club, 24 Berkeley Street, West Newton, MA 02465.

Estimated Attendance: 100, Ages: 21+

Not present

ONE DAY TEMPORARY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE: (Multiple)

Multiple applications filed by: Davida Crabtree, Andover Newton Theological School, 210 Herrick Road, Newton Centre, MA 02459. All to be held at the Andover Newton Theological School, 210 Herrick Road, Newton Centre, MA 02459.

**Conference for a one day temporary entertainment license
Thursday, September 22, 2016 from 8:00 A.M. – 10:00 P.M.**

Entertainment consists of recorded music

Estimated Attendance: 150, Ages: 21+

Approved 3-0

**Reunion for a one day temporary entertainment license
Friday, September 23, 2016 from 8:00 A.M. – 10:00 P.M.**

Entertainment consists of recorded music

Estimated Attendance: 150, Ages: 21+

Approved 3-0

ONE DAY WINE AND MALT LICENSE AND A ONE DAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

Multiple applications filed by: Kerry Lavin, Scandinavian Cultural Center, 206 Waltham St, Newton, MA 02458. All to be held at the Scandinavian Cultural Center, 206 Waltham St, Newton, MA 02458.

**Nordic Food Fest for a one day temporary wine and malt license
Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

Estimated Attendance: 500, Ages: All ages

Approved 3-0

**Nordic Food Fest for a one day entertainment license
Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**

Entertainment consists of a live fiddler performance and Viking reenactment

Estimated Attendance: 500, Ages: All ages

Approved 3-0

Multiple applications filed by: Suzanne Westcott, 21 Essex Road, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467. All to be held at the Church of the Redeemer, 379 Hammond Street, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.

Reception after concert for a one day wine and malt license

Friday, October 7, 2016 from 6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

Estimated Attendance: 50-60, Ages: 21+

Approved 3-0

Musical concert for a one day entertainment license

Friday, October 7, 2016 from 6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

Entertainment consists of live music

Estimated Attendance: 50-60, Ages 21+

Approved 3-0

Musical concert for a one day wine and malt license

Friday, October 14, 2016 from 7:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.

Estimated Attendance: 100, Ages: 21+

Approved 3-0

Musical concert for a one day entertainment license

Entertainment consists of live music

Friday, October 14, 2016 from 7:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.

Estimated Attendance: 100, Ages: 21+

Approved 3-0

Cocktails and dinner for a one day wine and malt license

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 from 6:30 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

Estimated Attendance: 50, Ages: 21+

Approved 3-0

Cocktails and dinner for a one day wine and malt license

Monday, October 26, 2016 from 6:30 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

Estimated Attendance: 50, Ages: 21+

(Withdrawn) – Credit due

NEW ALL ALCOHOL LICENSE AND A NEW COMMON VICTUALLER / ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT, SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Application filed by: Walter Devine, 289 Cherry Street, Newton MA 02456. For a new all alcohol license and a new Common Victualler license, Ward 4 LLC, d/b/a Ward 4, 277 Auburn Street, Newton MA 02466. Hours of operation are Monday through Sunday 11:00A.M. – 1:00 A.M., Seating 94 (int), to be exercised at 277 Auburn Street, Newton, MA 02466.

The manager's credentials were discussed. Councilman Lenny Gentile of Ward 4 expressed in favor of the project and the due diligence that was done. The manager will need TIPS Certification for alcohol training prior to opening the restaurant. A menu must be provided.

Alcohol – Approved 3-0 – contingent on TIPS certification and menu

Entertainment – Approved 3-0

The commissioners requested copy of the Special Permit for Hotel Indigo to review the conditions. See note above regarding Hotel Indigo.

NEW COMMON VICTUALLER

Application filed by: Stephen Del Rago, d/b/a, Qdoba Mexican Eats, 165 Needham Street, Newton, MA. **For a New Common Victualler license, Seating 56 (int) and 28 (patio). Hours of operation are Monday through Sunday, 6:00 A.M. – 11:00 P.M. Manager Stephen DelRago to be exercised at 165 Needham Street, Newton MA 02458.**

Not present