

**CITY OF NEWTON**

**BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**

**Chair, Kathleen M. McCarthy, Dina E. Conlin & Anil Adyanthaya**

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**Special Meeting Minutes**

**DATE: June 3, 2020 This meeting was conducted via conference call 617-454-5555 access code 1420**

**PRESENT: Commissioners Kathleen McCarthy, Dina Conlin and Anil Adyanthaya**

**STAFF: Sgt. Kevin Rudd, Manuela Familia, Sherri Lougee, Maura O'Keefe, Assistant City Solicitor**

**TIME: 2:30PM – Special meeting of the Board**

Discussion regarding issuing an order relating to extension of premises for Newton's common victualler licensees and the implementation of Governor Baker's Order No. 35 and ABCC Guidelines both issued June 1, 2020 concerning the extension of premises for alcohol licensees. **PRESENT ON THE CALL: Devra Bailin, Economic Development Director; Alicia Bowman, Ward 3 City Councilor; Susan Albright, Ward 2 City Councilor; Andreae Downs, Ward 5 City Councilor; restaurant representatives from: O'Hara's Food & Spirits, Paddy's, Dunn Gaherins, Fiorella's and Cook.**

**Attorney O'Keefe and the Commissioners discussed the reopening procedures for licensees in the current Covid-19 health crisis. Attorney O'Keefe mentioned how Governor Charlie Baker announced that restaurants could possibly start serving outdoor seating as soon as June 8<sup>th</sup>, but that date is not yet confirmed. Attorney O'Keefe and the Commissioner discussed the draft of Order to allow restaurants with a common victualler license to serve outdoor food and non-alcoholic drinks. The Commissioner, Attorney O'Keefe and the administrative staff discussed the application, guidelines and process for licensees who have alcohol and wish to extend the premises of their license. Multiple Ward Councilors suggested that parking lanes also be discussed as possible areas for service of food and alcohol. Attorney O'Keefe explained that it is an ABCC requirement that licensees cannot serve alcohol in property where the licensee does not have ownership rights, if this is not in the order, it is written in the statute. Commission Chair Kathleen McCarthy reassured the Commission is committed to facilitating and getting a process in place as quickly possible so that business can return to as much business as they possibly can. Attorney reminded the Commission of the open meeting law. It was discussed that to expedite the process, application decision will be delegated to any Commissioners to act singly. **COMMON VICTUALLER ORDER Approved 3-0. ALCOHOL EXTENSION OF PREMISES APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS Approved 3-0.****

Meeting adjourned at 3:51PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Manuela Familia

Administrative Clerk