

Liquor Commission meeting 1/9/2014

Members Present: Chris Walsh, John Guerin, Michael Gilbert, Rhonda Cameron, Sean McCarthy

Members Absent: Kelly Richenburg

Meeting Call to Order at 7:02 PM by Mr. Gilbert

Minutes:

Chris Walsh made a motion to accept the minutes from the 12/12/13 meeting, seconded by John Guerin. Vote: Unanimous

New Business:

Seasonal License Process: Mr. Gilbert stated he needs a letter from the Chief of Police regarding the population increase for the summer. That will be sent to the ABCC. The ABCC renewal process is the same as it is for the Annual License. The ABCC will send the forms to Salisbury by March 1, 2014. The Board will have the forms for businesses to sign at the 1st meeting in March. If you have a pouring license you need to bring the liquor liability insurance and fire inspection to the meeting. Once all the necessary documents have been signed, at the second meeting in March the board will sign the licenses. All business can pick up their license at the Treasurer's office.

Mr. Audette, from the Deck presented a plan outlining with the tented addition he would like to add. He will be adding a tented area with approximately 45 seats and a bar area. The tent will be set in portable concrete blocks so the structure is easy to disassemble. Mr. Gilbert stated he would need to fence the entire perimeter. Mr. Gilbert recommended that the bar should be able to be contained and or covered and locked. Mr. Walsh inquired about outside entertainment in the area. Mr. Audette stated there may be some karaoke. Mr. Gilbert stated that Mr. Audette will need to submit an application for an alteration of the premise and that will need to be sent to the ABCC. It may need a public hearing which could possibly be held in March.

The Public Hearing for Huang's Fortune and Dolphin Grille will be on January 23, 2014. The owners have been notified. Mr. Gilbert stated the Newburyport Daily News did not publish the notices.

Public Hearing: Gracy's 5 Broadway Seasonal All-Alcohol

Lisa Grace is planning on opening a Bar and Grille maybe with karaoke. She plans to open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner and be open 7 days a week. The hours would be 8:00 am to 12:15 pm. The seating capacity is 98. Lisa would like to be able to serve alcohol during Saturday and Sunday brunch. Lisa submitted her green stub receipts from registered letters as proof of notification to the abutters and a check to the ABCC.

Upon a motion made by Chris Walsh it was voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion made by John Guerin and 2nd by Chris Walsh it was voted unanimously to approve the license as requested.

Correspondence:

Mr. Gilbert received guidelines of extension of premises from the ABCC.

Mr. Gilbert also received a call from the attorney of Sea Glass about the expansion their premises for their license purposes.

There was one license not picked up on December 31st, 2013 because of tax issues. Mr. Gilbert did let the owner know there will be no action taken from the board today, but there maybe on January 23, 2014.

Mr. Gilbert received a phone call from Connie's Stagecoach about serving Mimosa' under their Beer and Wine License. Mr. Gilbert is waiting clarification from the ABCC on this question.

Inspector Reports

Mr. Walsh reported over the holiday season on regular visits to some establishments that they were all observing holiday hours.

Mr. Gilbert reported the he had visited some establishments that were also operating in an appropriate fashion.

The board discussed assigning establishments and inspection teams.

Mr. Gilbert will be submitting an Annual report to the ABCC.

Old Business:

Antonio's Pub: waiting to hear from the ABCC.

R & L Liquors license is all set the transfer is complete.

John Guerin inquired about the Closing Policy stating the number of employees that can stay after closing hours. Mr. Gilbert read the policy out loud and the board agreed that the policy encompassed his question. Every License holder will receive a copy of the Closing Policy when picking up their licenses.

Chris Walsh inquired about a date that the board would make a presentation to the Board of Selectmen.

John Guerin inquired the boards possibility of meeting once a month instead of twice a month. Mr. Gilbert stated that they would discuss this further when the full board was in attendance.

Upon a motion made by John Guerin and seconded by Sean McCarthy it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting will be January 23, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Soucy