

Liquor Commission meeting 2/27/2014

Members Present: Chris Walsh, Kelly Richenburg, Michael Gilbert, Rhonda Cameron, Mary-Jo Griffin, Sean McCarthy

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

Minutes:

Chris Walsh made a motion to accept the minutes from the 1/23/2014 meeting. Seconded by Kelly Richenburg. Vote: 5-0 Mary-Jo Griffin: Abstained

New Business:

Mr. Gilbert stated that Connie's Stagecoach has applied for a Beer/Wine extension of hours for Sunday AM Brunch to be able to serve at 10:00 AM

Chris Walsh made a motion to grant request for early service on Sunday's. Seconded by Kelly Richenburg. Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Jim Keenan the Executive Director of Boys and Girls Club of Lower Merrimack Valley in Salisbury. He is requesting a one-day All Alcohol License and a one-day Wine Charity Auction License for a Wine Auction on Saturday May 3, 2014. This event will be catered.

Chris Walsh made a motion to approve a one day all alcohol license Seconded by Kelly Richenburg. Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Steve Miller manager of Splash Liquid Lounge: The Splash Liquid Lounge holds a Seasonal License. Mr. Miller has been the manager of record since June 2013. Mr. Gilbert stated that on January 18, 2014 the police were called to Splash at 1:00 am responding to a call of a possible break in. The officers found Steve and a number of his friends drinking in Splash. Steve stated that he and his friends had been drinking at another establishment at Salisbury Beach. They stopped at Christy's pizza and then went to Splash. According to Mr. Miller he went in the front door while his friends went to the back door. A bouncer from The Ten's Show Club saw what appeared to be someone breaking in the back door and was peering through the windows. Within 5 minutes the police arrived and Mr. Miller opened the door for the police while his friends hid behind the bar. The police entered and checked all Id's and let everyone go on their way.

Chris Walsh stated that this incident was brought to the board's attention Detective Sargent Anthony King from the police department as a possible violation of license. Chris Walsh stated there were no arrests made at the time.

Kelly Richenburg asked were all the open containers of beer/liquors came from. Mr. Miller stated he served the beer to his friends. He also state that the beer and liquor was property of Splash.

Mary-Jo Griffin asked Mr. Miller if he contested any part of the police reported. He contests that the report stated everyone ducked behind the bar, when in fact he did not, he opened the door for the police immediately.

Mr. Gilbert asked Mr. Miller what his understanding of whether or not he could have been in the establishment. Mr. Miller stated the he understood he could be in the establishment to do paperwork. He also stated that it was not the best idea to have his friends in there for pizza and drinks.

Mr. Gilbert called the ABCC for clarification of The Seasonal License. The ABCC stated that even though it's a Seasonal License they don't assume that the time between when you can and can't serve is anything other than the dormant period. Mr. Gilbert stated that you can't serve any Liquor during the dormant period of the License.

Mary-Jo Griffin inquired how long has the establishment been licensed. Mr. Gilbert stated that the owner had another establishment in town with an annual All Alcohol license and transferred the license to this establishment then change it to a Seasonal License. Mary-Jo Griffin also asked if it was the first violation for the establishment and the manager. Mr. Gilbert stated yes for this Seasonal License and yes for Mr. Miller.

Mr. Gilbert stated that this was a violation.

Kelly Richenburg made a motion for a 3 day suspension to be held in abeyance for 12 months. Seconded by Chris Walsh. Vote: 5 Yes Vote: No 1 (Sean McCarthy)

Public Hearing:

Mr. Gilbert stated the Public Hearing for Seaglass will be held on March 13, 2014.

Old Business:

The License request for Antonio's has been returned back to the Liquor Commission from the ABCC with 2 issues. 1. Insufficient bank records. 2. CORI background information they needed an explanation from. Mr. Gilbert is waiting to hear from the Attorney.

Gracie's License request is still be the ABCC.

Good Fortune License has been approved by the ABCC.

Dolphin Grille's License transfer has been approved by the ABCC.

Inspector Reports:

The board discussed within the next few weeks to planning a few inspections.

Mr. Gilbert stated that the Board of Selectmen will advertise and appoint a new member as quickly as possible.

Upon a motion made by Chris Walsh and seconded by Sean McCarthy it was VOTED unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The next meeting will be February 13, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Soucy