

Newburyport License Commission REMOTE Meeting

January 3, 2024 7:00pm

In Attendance: Gregg Ogden, Bruce Bergwall, Ted Waldron, and Marcia Foley

Roll Call

1. New Entertainment license- ENT-23-1 Julie Ganong will be representing

Julie Ganong explained they are applying for an entertainment license 10-12 every Sunday only for Chococoa Baking. This will be the same set up they had for the last year. Chococoa advertises on social media and hires local music groups. This is acoustic music only and is meant to be background music.

Bruce Bergwall made a motion to approve, Ted Waldron seconded the motion.

2. New Common Victualler License

a. Middle Street Foods Restaurant- 25 Middle St- Emma Ozment representing CVN-23-3
Emma Ozment has purchased Middle Street Food and will continue to run the restaurant as it has been run over the years. She will seek to expand the hours and food assortment in the near future. Emma has many years of experience and plans on keeping many options the same but adding more breakfast options and sandwiches. Seating will be changed in a few months, as seating is only for 9 people. Emma plans to keep the same staff and bring in one house full time person in early February.

Ted Waldron made a motion to approve, Bruce Bergwall seconded the motion

3.Lodging- Lori Guertin representing

a. Essex St Inn 5 Essex St LODG-23-3, 3 Essex St. LODG-23-3, 9-11 Essex St LODG-23-5

Lori Guertin representing the Essex Inn which has 3 building side by side. Lori and her husband have been running the Inn for 22 years. They have 37 rooms and have the same staff for many years. They plan on small upgrades over the winter months including painting and changing furniture.

Ted Waldron made a motion to approve all three applications, Ted Waldron seconded the motion to approve all three applications.

b. Lodging- Rob Ciampitti representing
LODG-24-1 11 Charter St. The Hygge House

Mr. Ciampitti spoke on how the name has changed to Hygge House by the current property owners who bought it last year. Need to find out the name of business on their Business Certificate and was filed with the Clerk's office on Tuesday Jan 2nd.

Ted Waldron made a motion to approve, Marcia Foley seconded the motion

4.Banter – Rob Ciampitti representing, changes of Type of License

Rob Ciampitti has explained that Banter had applied for Club type liquor license but had to change it to General Pouring type. Mr. Ciampitti has also adding wording in paragraph 3, with the description of the premises to add language to align the language and clarify a few inconsistencies to neaten up the application. Mr. Ciampitti made sure to add special condition language from the Planning Board per their request. Gregg Ogden mentioned that on page 2, under "special conditions" the request from the Planning Board limits the hours when retail services are offered. In the State of Massachusetts, the State dictates what hours you can operate, not the Planning Board of Newburyport.

Bruce Bergwall made a motion to approve, Ted Waldron seconded the motion.

5.Miscellaneous

a. **Port Tavern** Abigail Hannan is representing.

Ms. Hannan is representing regarding the underage drinking and police report on 11/25/23. Before Ms. Hannan heard from us she had a very long conversation with Sargent Whitney, one day after the incident. The first question the Licensing Board asked was in regards to the current policy for carding people at the door. This incident happened on Thanksgiving weekend, which can be a hectic time with college kids home on break. The doorman stated 4 young men showed up, 3 had Military ID's, one did not have a Military ID. The young man who was turned away was later seen inside the bar. The bar is unsure if the doorman stepped away or did this young man sneak in a side door. Port Tavern has written up a job description and responsibilities for the doorman position and required all doormen sign this document. All staff will be having a renewal for every staff member will be Tipp certified. In the meantime, a quick mini session to get prepped for the certification on 1/2/24 was planned.

6. Renewal Common Victualler License

The Coffee Factory, Anna Jacques, Chipotle, Starbucks, Port Pizza, The Juicery, Olives Coffee, FM Station, Famous Pizza, Abrahams Bagels, Wendy's, Pomodori, Jersey Mikes, Changing Tides, Buttermilk Baking Co., Nick's Pizza, Chococoa Baking, The Cookie Jar, The Angry Donut, Port City Sandwich, Dunkin Donuts 45 Storey Ave, Dunkin Donuts 167 State St., Dunkin Donuts 70 Storey Ave, Panera Bread, McDonald's, Subway, Moe's Italian Sandwich, China Wok, Ohana Kitchen,

The board has heard all the licenses. The chair has brought up the few remaining businesses who did not renew yet will receive a visit from a board member to remind them they are overdue.

Bruce Bergwall made a motion to approve, Ted Waldron seconded the motion.

Common Victualler Who have not renewed: Harbor Creamery, Leo's Pizza, Riverside, and Stone Crust Pizza has not applied after several emails sent out.

The chair has brought up the few remaining businesses who did not renew yet will receive a visit from a board member to remind them they are overdue. The additional restaurants who have not renew include Leo's Pizza, Riverside Café, Stone Crust and Harbor Creamery has since renewed. When a board member visits one of our establishment they will see if their license is on display and make sure it is not expired.

7. Miscellaneous

1. Minutes December 6 ,2023

Ted Waldron made a motion for the spelling corrections, Bruce Bergwall seconded the approval.

2. Next meeting date: February 7, 2024
3. Two liquor licenses have not been paid for or picked up. The Goat and Mandarava Both have been notified several different times. The Goat has paid for their license but Mandarava still has not.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourn at 8:15 Ted Waldron made a motion to adjourn, Marcia Foley seconded.