

License Commission Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2012, 7:00pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.
A quorum was present.

1. Roll Call

In attendance: Margaret Lucey, Richard Sharp, Donald Zabriskie

Absent: Joseph Devlin, Brad Duffin

2. Minutes

June 6, 2012 Minutes

July 18, 2012 Minutes

Approval of June and July minutes was moved to the next meeting.

3. One Day Licenses

1) *Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce OctoberFest*

Representative at meeting: Ann Ormond

Type of License Requested: Beer & Wine

Information discussed about Event: New venue for this event previously held at the Mall, now to be at Cashman Park. This is the second year. Using a beer tent like at Riverfront Fest. Noon to 6pm. Community event with band, games, food. Last year had 1000, expect 500 over all hours. This is more contained and more accessible venue. Police detail and tent is cordoned off. Working with Parks department and Harbormaster.

Purpose of Event: Fundraiser

License Check-list:

- ☒ Charitable and/or non-profit organization
- ☒ Event to be legally conducted and revenues raised should further goals of organization
- ☒ TIPs certified bartender: Yes
- ☒ Proof of Liability Insurance
- ☒ \$100.00 check
- ☒ Other: Fire Department Sign Off

Margaret Lucey made a motion to approve the One day Beer/Wine license and Donald Zabriskie seconded.

Votes Cast:

Margaret Lucey: approve

Richard Sharp: approve

Donald Zabriskie: approve

2) *Inquiry on One Day License*

Inquiry for an event in a local park, picnic style where people could bring their own wine. Would be 40 to 50 people. Not selling wine, just bringing their own. Not a non-profit organization.

The commission would want TIPs certified servers and a way to ensure that no under-age drinkers would be served. Commissioners stated if this were on private property it would not be an issue. Recommended to make a detailed proposal with more advanced notice.

4. Hearing – New All Alcohol License

The hearing was opened at 7:15pm by Commissioner Sharp. Robert Ciampitti, attorney for EMNIC, Inc., is requesting a new all alcohol license for 24 Winter St., the former Joseph's Winter Street Café. Tom Bean and James Rogers are the principals and both are native to Newburyport. They both have long term restaurant experience. The restaurant will continue to be on the first floor only with 128 proposed seats. Minor changes to configurations but no structural changes other than appliances. Working with building,

plumbing and electrical inspectors for the City to have everything to code. The bar area will have high top tables, no piano.

Questions: Staffing: expect to hire 25 to 30 with approximately 20 full times.

Valet: full valet service

Menu: Italian, fresh food, locally sourced, creative with fun bar menu.

Hours: Monday to Saturday 4 to 10pm, Sunday noon to 9pm.

Entertainment: Acoustical music on Thursday and Friday nights.

Public Comment in favor:

Rick Durbin, 18 Winter St., direct abutter, glad to see something fresh coming in. Wants to be sure valet parking does not use the condo lot. Wondered about exterior renovations.

Rob Ciampitti stated that there is a planned traffic flow for the valets and they will not be using the condo lot. Also, the landlord is responsible for the exterior, they are doing interior.

Hearing closed at 7:35pm.

Margaret Lucey made a motion to approve the new all alcohol license, and Donald Zabriskie seconded the motion.

Votes Cast:

Margaret Lucey: approve

Richard Sharp: approve

Donald Zabriskie: approve

5. Miscellaneous

1) Violations – Marshall Howard brought correspondence regarding the compliance check the police department held on Friday, July 27, 2012. Four restaurants were in violation.

Certified letters with notifications for hearings on Sept. 5, 2012 will be sent as follows:

7:15pm – Black Cow Restaurant, Joseph A. Leone

7:30pm - Hana Japan, Miyano Takahashi

7:45pm - Szechuan Taste, Zhu Jin Liu

8:00pm - Upper Crust, Mark Tramontana

2) Marshall Howard also discussed safety issues with restaurants that have sidewalk tables.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm by Richard Sharp, seconded by Donald Zabriskie. So voted.