

License Commission Meeting Minutes
4 Green Street, Police Station Conference Room
September 2, 2015

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

1. Roll Call

In attendance: Joseph Devlin, Gregg Ogden, and Brad Duffin

Absent: Craig Holt, Richard Sharp

2. Minutes

August 5, 2015 minutes to be reviewed at the October 7, 2015

3. One Day Licenses

1) *Chamber of Commerce, 1 Day All Alcohol, Sept. 17, 2015*

Representative at meeting: Ann Ormond

Type of License Requested: All Alcohol

Information discussed about Event: This is a new event that is replacing the Octoberfest. This is a ten day Savor Newburyport event. The gala kick off is Thursday 9/17/2015 from 6 to 9pm at the NRA East Parking lot. They will be serving only under the tent. NorthShore bartending will be serving. The commission suggested having 2 police officers. Expect about 500 people. Ids will be checked at the entrance and wristbands will be given. Tent is 46' by 120'.

Purpose of Event: support local businesses

License Check-list:

- Charitable and/or non-profit organization (to benefit)
- 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

Motion to approve the one day all alcohol license pending detailed diagram by Greg Ogden, seconded by Joe Devlin.
So voted.

Votes Cast:

Joseph Devlin: Yes

Gregg Ogden: Yes

Richard Sharp: Absent

Craig Holt: Absent

Brad Duffin: Yes

2) *Green Strides 1/2 Marathon, 1 Day Beer & Wine, Oct. 25, 2015*

Representative at meeting: Eli Bailin

Type of License Requested: Beer & Wine

Information discussed about Event: This is the fifth year of this event. Last year it doubled in size. This is the 2nd year at the softball field at Cashman Park. They have moved things around in the softball field for better flow. Last year there were no issues with over 3000 people over 3 hours. There are not more than a few hundred people in the area at the same time. There are 20 police officer details overall for the whole race, 2 at the beer tent. Parking is between the Towle building parking lot and streets. Eli is also speaking with Harbormaster Paul Hogg to keep clear of the boating activity. Last year they had 3000 but this year the pre-registrations are trending down.

Purpose of Event: Portion of proceeds donated

License Check-list:

- Charitable and/or non-profit organization (to benefit)
- Event to be legally conducted and revenues raised should further goals of organization
- TIPs certified bartender
- Proof of Liability Insurance

- \$100.00 check
- Other: Fire Department Sign Off

Motion to approve the one day beer and wine license by Gregg Ogden, seconded by Joe Devlin. So voted.

Votes Cast:

Joseph Devlin: Yes Gregg Ogden: Yes Richard Sharp: Absent
 Craig Holt: Absent Brad Duffin: Yes

3) *The Grog, 1 Day Beer & Wine, Oct. 10, 2015*

Representative at meeting: Bill Nichelmann

Type of License Requested: Beer & Wine

Information discussed about Event: This is the annual chili cook off on October 10, 2015 from 12pm to 4pm. It will again be under the tent at the Tannery. Expect between 800-1000 people throughout the day. They have added the patio area for additional room. They will be giving wristbands when they are carded as they enter. Expect to have 12 Massachusetts brewers. No issues last year. Family friendly event. Diagram provided.

Purpose of Event: raise money for local food pantries

License Check-list:

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

Motion to approve the one day beer and wine license by Gregg Ogden, seconded by Joseph Devlin. So voted.

Votes Cast:

Joseph Devlin: Yes Gregg Ogden: Yes Richard Sharp: Absent
 Craig Holt: Absent Brad Duffin: Yes

4) *Ladies Night Out, 1 Day Beer & Wine, Dec. 12, 2015*

Did not appear.

5) *Riverwalk Brewery, 1 Day Beer & Wine, Sept. 26, 2015*

Withdrew request.

4. Hearing – New on Premises Beer and Wine – Riverside Café, 260 Merrimac Street

Ken Santiano, current owner of Riverside Cafe appeared. He has been having a successful breakfast and lunch business since taking it over 2 years ago. His customers have been asking him to stay open later and to serve beer. He plans to sell beer and wine from 2 to 8pm to start but is seeking a license for all allowed hours. His landlord is all for this change.

City Councillor Charles Tontar spoke in favor of the applicant stating that it is a family friendly restaurant with tremendous atmosphere. He said it is wonderful to have a restaurant in Ward 4.

No one spoke against this application.

Motion to approve the new beer and wine license by Joseph Devlin, seconded by Gregg Ogden. So voted.

Votes Cast:

Joseph Devlin: Yes Gregg Ogden: Yes Richard Sharp: Absent
 Craig Holt: Absent Brad Duffin: Yes

5. Change of DBA, State Street Ventures, LLC dba The Poynt

Attorney Mark Janos spoke on behalf of John and Laura Wolf who were also in attendance. The name on the previously approved license for alcohol has been changed from Blueline to The Poynt. The change of DBA application and documents are complete. They plan to open in two weeks.

Motion to approve the change of DBA by Gregg Ogden, seconded by Joseph Devlin. So voted.

Votes Cast:

Joseph Devlin: Yes Gregg Ogden: Yes Richard Sharp: Absent
Craig Holt: Absent Brad Duffin: Yes

6. Change of Manager, Thirsty Whale, 24-26 Market Street

Attorney Mark Janos spoke on behalf of the applicant for a new manager at the Thirsty Whale. Stephen Jewett has been active in the business and on-site since 2006 when it was acquired from the prior owners. They did have some past issues but do not have anything recent. The commission encouraged the new manager to go to 100% carding to prevent any under-age issues going forward.

Motion to approve the change of manager by Gregg Ogden, seconded by Joseph Devlin. So voted.

Votes Cast:

Joseph Devlin: Yes Gregg Ogden: Yes Richard Sharp: Absent
Craig Holt: Absent Brad Duffin: Yes

7. Miscellaneous

1. Lisa Wettenkamp from the Board of Directors of the Firehouse inquired about alcohol licenses as part of a feasibility study they are doing.

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:58pm by Gregg Ogden, seconded by Joseph Devlin. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Varney