

Newburyport License Commission REMOTE Meeting

August 2, 2023 7:00pm

In attendance: Bruce Bergwall, Marcia Foley, Craig Holt
Absent: Ted Waldron, Gregg Ogdon

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

Roll Call

1. One Day Liquor Licenses

- a. Newburyport Chamber of Commerce, *Event; Crusin The 50's Car Show*, Beer and Wine License, August 10, 23. *Place of Event; Tracy's Place*, from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Sarah Motzkin is representing. This permit is online, ONE-23-30. Sarah is changing the permit application from All Alcohol to Beer and Wine one day permit. Beer garden will be on Tracy's Place, Rockport Brewing will be being setting up the bar and bring Tip Certifications, Nate Allard will be there throughout the event. Police detail has been scheduled. A natural barrier closes in the bar space with just an opening in the front. Sarah will work with Jen Sullivan from DPS to help with the different components of closing streets and barriers and work with roping off the front entrance to secure it if need be. Cars will be located on State St, Pleasant St, Unicorn St, and Inn St. Flyers will be distributed to communicate the noise of the band from 5-8pm. A mailing to invite and communicate the event to the abutters were requested by the board.

Motion to approve the One-Day beer & wine license, subject to receiving the letter from the Parks Dept. granting permission to use the park, (received on August 3rd) and to notify the board when the neighbors who live and park in the area of the beer garden are notified. By Bruce Bergwall, seconded by Marcia Foley. So, voted with 2 absent, on a unanimous roll call

- b. Newburyport Art Association, *Event; Auction Preview Night*, Beer and Wine license, August 25, 23. *Place of Event; 65 Water St*, from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Max Schenk will be representing. *This is a NON-Profit event.* Permit is online. ONE-23-35. This event is an opportunity for members of the Art Association and members of the public to view some of the art that will be available at the art auction later on this month, and to meet the artists. Event will be in set up in Sargent Gallery located in the main gallery downstairs. Setup will be in the back and will be served by a TIP certified bartender. We will need the distributors name for the beer and wine. Lisa Naas will be at the event.

Motion to approve the One-Day beer & wine license subject to receiving the names of the distributor's (received on August 3rd). By Marcia Foley, seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So, voted with 2 absent, on a unanimous roll call

- c. Newburyport Art Association, *Event; Ron Emmerling Reception*, Beer and Wine license, September 9, 23. *Place of Event*; 65 Water St, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Max Schenk will be representing. *This is a NON-Profit event*. Permit is online. ONE-23-36. This event is an opening for Ron Emmerling Show, a member of the Art Association who passed in 2021. This event will showcase his work in the Hills Gallery. Estimated number of people attending is 85, but did raise the total number of estimated number of people to 125.

Motion to approve the One-Day beer & wine license subject to receiving the names of the distributor's (received on August 3rd) and clarification on the type of permit they are requesting, all alcohol or Beer and Wine (received Aug 3). By Bruce Bergwall, seconded by Marcia Foley. So, voted with 2 absent, on a unanimous roll call

- d. Newburyport Film Festival Inc. *Event; Sneak Preview Event*, Beer and Wine license, August 24, 23, *Place of Event*; Firehouse Center for the Arts, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Joanne Morris will be representing. *This is a NON-Profit Event*. This permit is online ONE-23-38. This is a preview event, free for the community at the Firehouse Center for the Arts. The public can view the previews for all the films that will be playing at their film festival on September 15-17th. This is 19th year hosting this event. Requesting to increase the number of attendees from 100 to 170 which will require to having 2-3 TIP Certified bartenders. The names and licenses from the Firehouse's TIPS Certified Bartenders will be uploaded after their meeting on August 8th. Riverwalk Brewery will supply the beer and Grape Island will supply the wine. Both companies are licensed distributors. Joanne Morris will be at the event.

Motion to approve the One-Day beer & wine license subject to receiving the names and certificates of the 3 TIPS Certified bartenders (uploaded 8/17-23, by Marcia Foley, seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So, 2 absent voted on a unanimous roll call

- e. Janet Nicolaisen. *Event; Nicolaisen/Moyer Family Wedding*, Beer and Wine license, September 9, 23, from 4:00pm-8:00PM. *Place of Event*; Newburyport City Hall Auditorium. Janet Nicolaisen will be representing. This permit is online ONE-23-39. Wedding being catered and beer and wine distributor is on our authorized list for one day license. Will have one TIP Certified bartender and have received the letter granting permission to use the hall. Diagram needed explanation and asked for an updated diagram including walls, doors, stage and more detail.

Motion to approve the One-Day beer & wine license subject to receiving an updated diagram by, Bruce Bergwall, seconded by Marcia Foley. So, 2 absent voted on a unanimous roll call. (Updated diagram was uploaded on 8/3/23)

2. Miscellaneous

1. Other correspondence-none
2. July meeting minutes- Motion to approve July Minutes by Marcia Foley, seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So, 2 absent voted on a unanimous roll call.
3. Next meeting date: September 6, 2023
4. Talk among board members discussed the number of people attending these events. There seems to be some confusion for the applicant where they think the number of attendees at any given moment is asked versus the total number of participants. Conversation regarding the wording on our application stating total number of attendees at any given moment versus the total number of participants. The board understands when an event is fluid where people come and go through out the event unlike a concert where you would have a definitive number of people attending. Marcia Foley suggests if the wording is expected number of attendees over the 4-hour duration of your event. The concern is when it gets crowded and alcohol is being served who is counting the number of people? The applicant should think about the logistics before they come to us. We should be advising not directing. Craig Holt wants the wording on the application to reflect the applicant to pause to consider how many attendees they might have for that particular type of event. Marcia Foley says it would be easier for the applicant to assess how many servers they may need. Bruce Bergwall made a point stating Sarah Motzkin should be told she has to limit the number of people in the beer garden at a time. Sarah was notified by the board.

Adjourn: at 7:38pm motion to adjourn by Bruce Bergwall, seconded by Marcia Foley. So, 2 absent voted on a unanimous roll call.