

City of Newburyport License Commission

Remote Meeting Minutes via Zoom

March 1, 2023

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

A quorum was present.

1. Roll Call

In attendance: Bruce Bergwall, Gregg Ogden, Ted Waldron, Craig Holt

Absent: Marcia Foley

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2. One Day Licenses

- a. Belleville Root Music events on March 5th the time of event is 3-6pm for bar service and 4-6 for the performance. The April 29th event will be from 7-10pm for bar service and 8-10pm for the performance. Lise Reid attended the LLC meeting and will be at both events. Both music shows will have similar setups. There will be a beer table and wine table staff by a professional catering company. They are expecting to have about 20 volunteers helping through each event. People will be carded when purchasing a drink and who are of age will receive a wrist bracelet for the event. Alcohol will be served in the meeting house and patrons will be able to walk with drink to the main house for the performance.

Motion to approve both events for beer and wine one day alcohol license subject to Lise Reid submitting additional TIP certifications by Craig Holt, seconded by Ted Waldron. So voted on a unanimous roll call vote, one absent.

- b. Friends of NYS Class of "23", event on March 31st, Laurie Naughton attended the LLC meeting. This event is an adult only Bingo night with just beer and wine being served. The event is the same as last year only difference is the Mayor and Superintendent of schools will be calling the

numbers. The event will be held in Masonic hall and Laurie Naughton will be managing the event. Laurie requested the fee be waived for the Nonprofit status.

Motion to approve the one-day beer & wine licenses and fee waiver by Bruce Bergwall, seconded by Ted Waldron. So voted on a unanimous roll call vote, one absent.

- c. Bare Wolf Brewing, Eli Bailin representing for the second year to host the dog event at Cashman Park on June 3rd, from 12pm -4pm where proceeds will go to Sweet Paws Rescue. The event will cost \$5-6.00 dollars to enter the enclosed event. Barricade fencing will be used around the whole area. A section leaving a corridor hall affect away from the rail trail will ensure people on the trail will not be affected by dogs. The estimated count of people to attend during the 4-hour event is 500 pp listed on the application. Once people enter the fenced in area, they will be able to purchase beer tickets and be carded at a separate table for the beer. Eli is hoping by purchasing tickets at a different location will reduce the lines at the beer table. Outside vendors who paid a fee to attend will be selling their products. The Board is accepting Eli's verbal agreement to alter the amount of people attending from 500 to 750, and Eli will contact the police department regarding any police details he will need. The board is also approving rain date of June 4th. Approval is pending once we receive the letter from Eli from the Parks Department with written permission to use the park area.

Motion to approve the one-day beer & wine licenses subject to receive letter from the parks Department's written permission by Craig Holt, seconded by Ted Waldron. So voted on a unanimous roll call vote, one absent.

- d. Newburyport Art Association Events for Beer & Wine on March 4th from 4-6pm, April 8th from 5-7pm, April 28th from 8am-12pm, April 28th from 5-8pm, and June 3rd from 5-7pm. All Alcohol on April 28th. Maria Katzounos is representing for the NAA's, 4 applications for their regular artist event serving only beer and Wine and 1 event serving only Mimosa for their donor breakfast event 8-12pm. Maria will be at all events. Vendors who will be catering the alcohol have 2 TIP certified servers and they are listed on the approved vendor list. During the 4 beer and wine events will have set ups the same as last year in the main gallery where the bar is located. There will be no events upstairs. Fees are waived for Non-Profit events.

Motion to approve events pending on receiving the Certificate of Insurance for the breakfast event on June 3rd hosting 100 people by Ted Waldron, Seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So voted on a unanimous roll call vote, one absent.

3. New Common Victualler License

- a. Cookie Jar Kitchen, Jennie Caren owner is representing. Her bakery sells cookies and special baked goods and offers coffee and ice coffee in afternoons. The bakery has been open for

the last 2 weeks without a Common Victualler license and the Commission has the right to close the bakery until the license is processed. Jennie was explained the process and the Commission encourages new businesses to investigate the City's restrictions and rules before opening up for business. Business did very well where she sold out of products each week. The plans with design of bakery submitted on the application will remain the same.

Motion to approve the new Common Victualler license by Ted Waldron, Seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So voted on a unanimous roll call vote, one absent.

4. Amendment-Change or Alteration of Premises Information

a. Newburyport Brewing Company, Chris Webb and Bill Fisher representing requesting a change of premise by adding 3 pickleball courts and change Section 12 pouring section in repurpose warehouse outdoor space, front area will not change. Brew and cans storage area will be reduced to 3 separate smaller sections inside the warehouse. One area is already existing the other 2 areas will be divided with ceiling walls and lock doors.

Greg's concern is who will be counting these peoples. Pickle ball will be reserved online we can regulate the number of people in the back. When reserve pickleball patrons will have to go thru 3rd person and check in, this will help keep track how many people are outside.

No one consuming an alcohol beverage will be able to walk through the brewery there will not be a bar in the back near the courts. The brewery just installs new camera system with one attached and 7 more coming. At least 3-4 cameras will be designated for the pickleball courts. Cameras will also monitor at night and send alarms if movement is sensed. If issues arise, we will revisit.

Motion to approve on the LLC level before it is submitted to the ABCC by Bruce Bergwall, Seconded by Ted Waldron. So voted on a unanimous roll call vote, one absent.

5. Miscellaneous

a. Next meeting April 5th.

6. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm by Ted Waldron, seconded by Gregg Ogden. So voted on a unanimous vote, one absent.

