

**License Commission Meeting Minutes  
4 Green Street, Police Station Conference Room  
January 8, 2014**

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

A quorum was present.

**1. Roll Call**

**In attendance:** Joseph Devlin, Craig Holt, Richard Sharp, Brad Duffin

**Absent:** Donald Zabriskie

**2. Minutes**

Motion to accept the Dec. 4, 2013 minutes by Craig Holt, seconded by Richard Sharp. 3 yes, 1 absent (Zabriskie), 1 abstention (Devlin). So voted.

**3. One Day Licenses**

1) *Nbpt Education Found Poker Tournament*

**Representative at meeting:** Greg Parker

**Type of License Requested:** All Alcohol

**Information discussed about Event:** This is an annual event to raise money for the NEF programs. Being held in City Hall auditorium. Had 160 last year, expect about 175 this year. 4pm to 10pm, last call, everyone out at 10:30pm. Last year they changed to all alcohol and it was positive in terms of revenue.

**Purpose of Event:** Proceeds support the Newburyport school system programs.

**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 conditionally approve pending insurance by Joseph Devlin, seconded by Craig Holt. So voted.

**Votes Cast:**

Joseph Devlin: Yes

Craig Holt: Yes

Richard Sharp: Yes

Donald Zabriskie: Absent

Brad Duffin: Yes

**4. Change of Hours**

Joseph Devlin recused himself from this request.

**1.) Newburyport Brewing Co.**

Chris Webb and Bill Fisher from the Newburyport Brewing Company requested to change their pouring hours from 5pm to 8pm to 3pm to 9pm during the week and 12pm to 9pm on Saturdays. They have realized that when opening at 3pm many tourists come by and want to have a beverage. This will allow them to accommodate all patrons. They have hired a manager who is on site when Bill or Chris are not able to be there. All servers are TIPs certified. The commission stated that they have had positive feedback.

Craig Holt made a motion to approve the change of hours, seconded by Richard Sharp. 3 yes, 1 absent, 1

recused. Motion approved.

**Votes Cast:**

Joseph Devlin: Recused

Craig Holt: Yes

Richard Sharp: Yes

Donald Zabriskie: Absent

Brad Duffin: Yes

**5. Transfer of License Hearing**

**1) Due Ragazzi dba Enzo to MV Hospitality, Inc. dba Fifty Water**

John Moore and Robert Veek were present as the owners of MV Hospitality, Inc. dba Fifty Water. John owns the Navy Yard Bistro in Charlestown for 9 ½ years. It is a neighborhood restaurant with reasonable prices and good food. Robert is changing careers and coming into the restaurant business. This will not be a pub or fine dining but right in between. Plan to focus more on wine and food and craft beers. Expect to have a quieter upper level and friendlier, busier downstairs. Will be updating some décor and possibly adding a dumbwaiter to the upstairs. Robert will be the general manager. Many years ago he was a bartender for a few years and he will be getting TIPS certified. Requesting hours for Sunday from 10am to 1:00am, Monday through Saturday 8:00am to 1:00am.

Joseph Devlin made a motion to approve the transfer of license, seconded by Craig Holt. Motion approved.

**Votes Cast:**

Joseph Devlin: Yes

Craig Holt: Yes

Richard Sharp: Yes

Donald Zabriskie: Absent

Brad Duffin: Yes

**6. Miscellaneous**

1) Shawn Dorman inquired as to the process and time frame for liquor licenses for restaurants in Newburyport.

2) Policies and procedures review continued.

**8. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 8:15pm by Craig Holt, seconded by Joseph Devlin. So voted.