

License Commission Meeting Minutes
4 Green Street, Police Department Conference Room
November 5, 2014

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

1. Roll Call

In attendance: Joseph Devlin, Richard Sharp, Brad Duffin, Craig Holt, 1 Vacant position.

2. Minutes

Oct. 1, 2014 - **Motion to approve minutes by Joe Devlin, seconded by Richard Sharp. Craig Holt abstained. So voted.**

3. One Day Licenses

1) *Annunciation Greek Church Fall Fair*

Representative at meeting: Maria Connor

Type of License Requested: Beer & Wine

Information discussed about Event: This is the fall fair fundraiser. Event is Sat., Nov. 22, 2014 from 11:00am to 7:00pm. Family friendly event with sale of Greek pastries and food. TIPs certified servers. Expect about 100 people.

Purpose of Event: Fundraiser for Greek Church

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 Dept. & Police Dept. Sign Off

Motion to approve by Joe Devlin, seconded by Craig Holt. So voted.

Votes Cast:

Joseph Devlin: Yes

Craig Holt: Yes

Richard Sharp: Yes

Brad Duffin: Yes

2) *Newburyport Education Foundation*

Representative at meeting: Tuna Sava

Type of License Requested: All alcohol

Information discussed about Event: This is an annual fundraiser for the NEF and it raises \$80 to 100,000 dollars, with only \$3 – 4,000 from the bar. They expect approximately 220 people, live auction. They have TIPs certified servers. Most people stay for the whole evening. It is run very similarly to the annual poker tournament.

Purpose of Event: Proceeds support the Newburyport Education Foundation.

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 Dept. & Police Dept. Sign Off

Motion to approve by Joe Devlin, seconded by Craig Holt. So voted.

Votes Cast:

Joseph Devlin: Yes
Richard Sharp: Yes

Craig Holt: Yes
Brad Duffin: Yes

4. Nix's Mate Change of Manager

Attorney Mark Janos presented the newly appointed manager J.W. Beane. Mr. Beane has been in the restaurant business for years and is TIPs certified. He anticipates he will be spending 40+ hours on location at the restaurant. The commission questioned the name on passport and Attorney Janos also supplied the affidavit of name change with marriage certificate.

Motion to approve the change of manager by Joseph Devlin, seconded by Craig Holt. So voted.

5. Hearing New License Blue Line, 31 Water Street

Attorney Mark Janos presented the application for a new all alcohol on premises license. John and Laura Wolfe own The Cottage restaurants in California and Massachusetts and this is their newest venture. They have been in the restaurant business for over 20 years, and have lived in the Newburyport area for the past 15 years. John Logomasini is a partner and he has had 32 years in restaurants, 11 years with Legal Seafoods. He believes in how the Wolfe's run their business. Peter Hansen will be the Director of Food and he comes with 30 years of experience in NY City, with Bobby Flay and the Iron Chef. This restaurant will be located at the former John Farley Clothing store and will undergo extensive renovations. Anticipated opening is in May 2015. This restaurant will be more urban/industrial, trendy, with small plates, wood fired oven, private dining rooms, patio and larger bar. Discussion regarding number of seats on plan submitted (167) and actual (189), with 22 on the patio. Commission requested further detail on plan showing what enclosure is made of, seating and control of access. Commission requested Atty. Janos submit a copy of the lease – provided after request. Commission inquired as to the number of employees to be hired – 50 in winter to 100 in summer.

No one spoke in favor of, or against the application.

Motion to approve the new license application with the condition that the commission receives a satisfactory revised plan indicating the patio is enclosed and access is controlled and additional patio seating is noted in total on the plan by Joseph Devlin, seconded by Richard Sharp. So voted.

6. Transfer of License Elliott Gourmet Food dba Fowles to Meat Girl Corp

Attorney Robert Ciampitti presented for Heidi Whittier for the transfer of license. Ms. Whittier is a ten year resident of Newburyport and was formerly a real estate agent. She has been working with Andrew Elliot, learning the business and over the summer started negotiating to acquire the business. She is TIPs and Serve Safe certified. She has no plans to add seating. She plans to continue to run it under the known Fowles name with the popular specialty items for which the neighborhood store is known. The commission questioned the diagram that looked like it included a table; it is a wine rack/display table for wine tastings. The commission stressed that the license is for off premises and does not want the layout to appear as seating. The commission stated that they can have a few chairs for patrons who are unable to stand at the counter while food is being prepared. No one spoke in favor of, or against the application.

Motion to approve the change of manager by Craig Holt, seconded by Joseph Devlin. So voted.

7. Miscellaneous

Donald Zabriskie has resigned from the commission. The Mayor is seeking another appointee.

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:05pm by Craig Holt, seconded by Joseph Devlin. So voted.

Respectfully submitted, Lynn Varney