

License Commission Meeting Minutes
4 Green Street, Newburyport
September 4, 2019

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

1. Roll Call

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

2. One Day Licenses

1, 2) Revised Newburyport Fisherman, LLC Shark & Tuna Tournament Captain's Meeting & Dinner

Representative at meeting: Larry Collins

Type of License Requested: Beer & Wine

Information discussed about Event: These two events were cancelled in August due to the Tuna fishing being closed. They are rescheduling the Captain's meeting to Friday, 9/13/19 and the dinner to Sunday 9/15/19. They will not be doing the beer tasting with the dinner on Sunday. Everything else is the same for the events as approved at the July 10th meeting.

- ☒ 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 – already paid
- ☒ Other: Fire Department Sign Off

Motion to approve the two revised one day Beer & Wine licenses by Gregg Ogden, seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So voted.

Votes Cast:

Bruce Bergwell: Yes Craig Holt: Yes Bette Jacques: Absent Gregg Ogden: Yes Ted Waldron: Absent

2) River Valley Charter School

Representative at meeting: Allison Fisher

Type of License Requested: All Alcohol

Information discussed about Event: This is the school's 20th anniversary and they are having a celebration at the Custom House Maritime Museum outside on the lawn under a tent on October 5, 2019 from 7pm to 10pm. They will have a cash bar and beer and wine. There are two TIPs certified servers. There will be a maximum of 200 guests, primarily parents of current and past students. The only entrance is at the entrance/exit to the museum. Bracelets will identify the under 21 and id's will be checked at the entrance.

- ☒ 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 All Alcohol license by Bruce Bergwall, seconded by Gregg Ogden. So voted.

Votes Cast:

Bruce Bergwell: Yes Craig Holt: Yes Bette Jacques: Absent Gregg Ogden: Yes Ted Waldron: Absent

3.) Newburyport Parks Dept and Parks Conservancy Bartlet Mall Day

Representative at meeting: Kristin Hunter for Lise Reid

Type of License Requested: Beer & Wine

Information discussed about Event: This is the 3rd annual event for the Parks Dept. and Parks Conservancy. Lise Reid is the manager and contact for the event and will be there all day. They will have a beer garden that is enclosed by hay bales and roping. There will be a tent if it rains. They are hoping for up to 500 this year. There are 5 TIPs servers and 2 ID checkers at the main entrance to the beer garden. They will stamp hands. Requested fee waiver.

- ☒ 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 -- Waived
- ☒ Other: Fire Department Sign Off

Motion to approve the one day Beer & Wine licenses by Gregg Ogden, seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So voted.

Votes Cast:

Bruce Bergwell: Yes Craig Holt: Yes Bette Jacques: Absent Gregg Ogden: Yes Ted Waldron: Absent

4.) Museum of Old Newbury Sea Chanteys and Chowder

Representative at meeting: Emily Lawrence

Type of License Requested: Beer & Wine

Information discussed about Event: The museum is having the Sea Chanteys and Chowder which is a ticketed event with two drinks and a cash bar. Ipswich Ale is providing the beer and TIPs servers. The property is fenced in. The tickets will be sold in advance and they are capping it at 50. The event is Sept. 29, 2019 from 6pm to 8pm at the museum, 98 High Street. They will take tickets and check ids and stamp hands at entrance. The event is for members and guests.

- ☒ 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 Bruce Bergwall, seconded by Gregg Ogden. So voted.

Votes Cast:

Bruce Bergwell: Yes Craig Holt: Yes Bette Jacques: Absent Gregg Ogden: Yes Ted Waldron: Absent

3. Change of Hours

1.) Neptune Veteran Fireman's Association, 40 Hancock Street

Robyn Chaisson appeared for the Neptune Club. She is the bookkeeper. They would like to change their hours on Sunday to open at 11:00am. Their board approved the change at the August 7, 2019 meeting.

Motion to approve change of hours by Gregg Ogden, seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So voted.

Votes Cast:

Bruce Bergwell: Yes Craig Holt: Yes Bette Jacques: Absent Gregg Ogden: Yes Ted Waldron: Absent

4. Transfer of License

1.) Vera Ristorante, LLC dba Vera Napoletana Ristorante Bar, 31-35 Market Square

Attorney Rob Ciampitti appeared with the owners of Vera Ristorante, LLC, John Santaniello and David Callan. Mr. Ciampitti stated that they will be transferring the license from Jetico West Row, LLC. It is 2680sf with 500sf outdoor seating with basement storage. Total seating is 112; 26 at bar, 44 at tables and 40 outside. They are keeping interior pretty much the same and are working with the City on the patio space. Mr. Santaniello will be the manager and he has previous alcohol experience with restaurants in Florida and New York. They will be serving Napolitano style of pizza.

There were no speakers in favor of nor opposed to the application.

Motion to approve the transfer of on premises All Alcohol license subject to the City approving the outdoor seating with a capacity of 42 by Gregg Ogden, seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So voted.

Votes Cast:

Bruce Bergwell: Yes Craig Holt: Yes Bette Jacques: Absent Gregg Ogden: Yes Ted Waldron: Absent

2.) 81 Storey Ave., Inc. dba Storey Ave. Shell, 81 Storey Ave

Goe Greiger appeared for the transfer of license from Barnes Wharf Car Wash, LLC. He will be leasing the gas station and convenience store and selling beer and wine. He has another store in Worcester. All of his employees are TIPs certified and any new hires will be. They scan licenses and sell or deny the sale with that. He has experience with

selling alcohol in Massachusetts and has had no violations. He expects to be in Newburyport 35 to 40 hours a week, six days a week. The current store manager is staying. Mr. Greiger will be the manager of record for alcohol.

Motion to approve the transfer of off premises Wines and Malt Beverages license subject to the City approving the outdoor seating with a capacity of 42 by Gregg Ogden, seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So voted.

Votes Cast:

Bruce Bergwell: Yes Craig Holt: Yes Bette Jacques: Absent Gregg Ogden: Yes Ted Waldron: Absent

5. Miscellaneous:

1) The commission was notified of a catering event at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church on Sept.7, 2019 by Offsite, LLC catering company

2) June 5, 2019 minutes were approved by a motion from Bruce Bergwall, seconded by Gregg Ogden. So voted.

3) We have an inquiry from a potential mobile vendor from a printing/uniform retailer.

6. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:50pm by Bruce Bergwall, seconded by Gregg Ogden. So voted.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Varney