

City of Newburyport License Commission
Remote Meeting Minutes via Zoom
October 6, 2021

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: Bette Jacques

2. Change of Manager

- a. Tuscan Kitchen Newburyport, 38 Rear Merrimac Street

No one appeared. Moved to November meeting.

3. Transient Vendor

- a. Jennifer Allard, Road Trip Company

Jennifer Allard appeared to request a transient vendor license to sell dog treats from a bike cart. She has created home-made, frozen dog treats. This is a vintage type bike with a cart in front. It is solar powered with electric assist. She has an umbrella also. She plans to primarily be on the rail trail, moving along frequently. She plans to be out between 9am and 3pm with breaks and to replenish supplies.

Motion to approve Transient Vendor License subject to the certificate of insurance, Parks department sign off and initialing the downtown overlay map by Gregg Ogden, seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So voted on a roll call vote:

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

4. One Day Licenses

- a. C5K + Sub 5 Events, Newburyport Fall Half Marathon, Beer & Wine, Nov. 7, 2021

Ed O'Connor appeared with his partner Chris Bernier. They are starting a new ½ marathon race to benefit the YWCA. It will start at 8:30am at Cashman Park, start and finish. They hope to get 1,000 runners. They will have some food vendors. Racers will get 3 beer tickets. No beer will be sold. Event will be over by 2pm. Won't start serving beer until 10am. They will use hand stamps for over 21. They will have two police officers, and a private security company that specializes in events with alcohol.

Motion to approve the One Day License by Bruce Bergwall, seconded by Ted Waldron. So voted on a roll call vote:

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

- b. Stack Sports, Newburyport ½ Marathon, Beer & Wine, Oct 24, 2021

Eli Bailin appeared for the one day license request. This is the 11th year for the Newburyport ½ marathon. The race starts at 9am, they start serving beer at 10:30am. Bearwolf Brewery is supplying the beer. They will stamp for over 21 and provide two tickets per runner. It is usually wrapped up by 1pm. Expect 1,200-1,300 people. They have 2 police officers stationed at the area, and the additional police officers from the course come back to this area, too.

Motion to approve the One Day License by Gregg Ogden, seconded by Ted Waldron. So voted on a roll call vote:

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

- c. The Actor's Studio, HerStory Event, Beer & Wine, March 26, 2022

Moved to the November meeting.

- d. Newburyport Brewing Co., Barks n Brews, Beer & Wine, Oct. 30, 2021

Chris Webb appeared to request a one day license for the Sweet Paws adoption event. This is run similar to their other events. Anchor Pizza will have a food truck. They have the hours from 12 to 9pm but expect it will end earlier. Using the same outdoor area in diagram for all of their events.

Motion to approve the One Day License pending certificate of insurance by Gregg Ogden, seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So voted on a roll call vote:

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

5. Hearing: Annual License Fee Review

Chairman Craig Holt opened the discussion to the members of the public for feedback on the alcohol fees. The following people spoke and requested no fee increase:

Beau Sturm, The Paddle Inn; Ashlyn Calcagni, Anchor Stone Deck Pizza; Nancy Caswell, Brine; Laura Wolfe, The Poynt and Brick and Ash; Dan Wilmot, The Park Lunch; Claude Elias, Oregano; Matt Kirk, Michael's Harborside; Ted Epstein, Loretta; Reza Rahmani.

All expressed gratitude for the waiving of fees in 2021, and some requested waiving fees in 2022.

The commission discussed reducing or waiving fees.

Motion to accept waiving the fees for the following licenses: on premises all alcohol and wine and malt, fraternal clubs, common victuallers, coin operated machines, acoustic and amplified entertainment, electronic devices TV and juke box, hawker & peddler and hawker & peddler Inn Street, and Lodging, by Ted Waldron seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So voted on a roll call vote:

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

6. ABCC Renewal Process 2022

Lynn provided an update on the renewal process.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm by Gregg Ogden, seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So voted on a roll call vote, 4 yes.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Varney