

City of Newburyport License Commission
Remote Meeting Minutes via Zoom
February 2, 2022

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

1. Roll Call

In attendance: Bruce Bergwall, Ted Waldron, Craig Holt
Absent: Gregg Ogden 1 vacancy

2. One Day Licenses

- a. Belleville Roots Music, One Day Beer & Wine License, March 6, 2022
- b. Belleville Roots Music, One Day Beer & Wine License, April 2, 2022
- c. Belleville Roots Music, One Day Beer & Wine License, May 7, 2022

Fred Habib appeared requesting one day licenses for three events for the Belleville Roots Music series. The concerts are in the large building and the refreshments are in the Stage room in the connected building. The layout is the same as in the past. They will have volunteers at the doors so they can bring their beverage into the large building. The crowd is primarily an older, not rowdy group. There have been no incidences in the past. They will have wristbands for those of age, 2 TIPs servers and a maximum of 250 people.

Motion to approve the three one day license by Bruce Bergwall, seconded by Ted Waldron. So voted on a roll call vote:

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

3. Common Victualler

- a. Nu Kitchen, 19 Pleasant Street

Joshua Van Dyke, owner, and Katie Taricani-Hickey, manager, appeared to request the Common Victualler license. The alcohol license has been approved but not issued yet. The application stated 72 seats but the diagram only shows 70 seats. They will submit a revised diagram. They plan to open in the next few weeks.

Motion to approve the Common Victualler with a revised diagram by Ted Waldron, seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So voted on a roll call vote:

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

- b. Thirsty Whale, 24-26 Market Square

Stephanie Romano, owner, and Haven Marceau appeared to request the Common Victualler license. They will have 57 seats in the two spaces. They will have bar service, no waitstaff to begin. They will have a bar menu serving until 9pm Sunday through Wednesday and 10pm Thursday through Saturday.

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

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

4. Miscellaneous Correspondence

An inquiry came in from Elizabeth Borges of House Bear Brewing about hosting poetry readings. Discussion regarding whether poetry readings fall under the entertainment license. The Commission will request the City Council to clarify this.

5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm by Bruce Bergwall, seconded by Ted Waldron. So voted on a roll call vote, 3 yes.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Varney