

City of Newburyport License Commission
Remote Meeting Minutes via Zoom
May 4, 2022

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

1. Roll Call

In attendance: Bruce Bergwall, Marcia Foley, Gregg Ogden, Ted Waldron, Craig Holt

2. Change of Officers

1. Dalton Club, 95 State Street

Frank Peditto appeared with the change of officers for the Dalton Club. Gregg Ogden, Craig Holt and Marcia Foley's husband are members of the Dalton Club. They asked all present if there were any issues and no one raised their hand or spoke up. Their officers are for two years and they have two new Directors, Bruce McCoy and Brad Duffin. They will get a revised letter with the correct date for the vote.

Motion to approve change of officers by Gregg Ogden, seconded by Marcia Foley. So voted on a unanimous roll call vote.

3. One Day Licenses

1. First Religious Society Unitarian Universalist Auction, 1 Day All Alcohol, June 10, 2022

Vernon Ellis appeared for the FRSUU to request the license for a new fundraiser for the church. It is a silent and live auction at the Senior and Community Center, 331 High Street from 6pm to 7pm. This will be run the same as the event prior to the pandemic. The area will be roped off with 2 entrances manned by volunteers checking IDs and providing wristbands. VIP lounge will be inside the Firehouse. 2 TIPs servers and additional as vendors are signed. Signs within roped area that beverages have to stay within. People can bring food in with them to the area or leave their drink behind to go get food. Requested the fee be waived.

Motion to approve the one day all alcohol license subject to a revised application, additional TIPs certificates and updated diagram by Gregg Ogden, seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So voted on a unanimous roll call vote.

2. Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce Riverfest, 1 Day All Alcohol, July 23, 2022

Donald St. Sauveur appeared for the Riverfest from 10am to 5:30pm. He is working with the Mayor's office to coordinate all services. They will have ID checkers and 2 police at the entrance/exit. The footprint is bigger this year for aesthetics. Parking shuttles will run from 11am to 7pm. They have never had an incident over the past 20 years and do not expect it to be as big as right before the pandemic. Beer area is only accessible to those over 21 with stamp. This area fits 350 people.

Motion to approve the one day all alcohol license subject to the insurance certificate and additional TIPs certificates by Ted Waldron, seconded by Marcia Foley. So voted on a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Newburyport Art Assoc. Artist Reception, 1 Day Beer & Wine, May 26, June 18, 25, 2022

Lisa Naas, Executive Director, appeared for one day beer & wine licenses for the Artist receptions. The events are two to three hours at the opening or closing of an art show. They have TIPs certified servers. They expect 60 to 75 people for each event. The bar will be in the Hills Gallery except June 25th donor event will be in the sculpture garden. A diagram was provided for both layouts. They requested a fee waiver due to the struggles of the non-profit through the pandemic.

Motion to approve the three one day beer & wine licenses and fee waiver by Gregg Ogden, seconded by

Bruce Bergwall. So voted on a unanimous roll call vote.

5. Newburyport Brewing Co, 1 Day Beer & Wine, June 11, July 16, Aug. 13, 28, Sept. 10, Oct. 15, 2022

Chris Webb and Bill Fisher appeared for one day beer & wine licenses for their events outside this summer. These events are laid out the same way as they have in previous years. They have been doing them for 10 years and they have not had any incidences. They have fencing, 6 TIPs servers, food trucks and wristbands for 21 and over.

Motion to approve the six one day beer & wine licenses subject to the new insurance certificate for the Sept & Oct. events by Ted Waldron, seconded by Gregg Ogden. So voted on a unanimous roll call vote.

4. Miscellaneous

Chris Webb and Bill Fisher asked questions regarding a Pop Up beer garden idea they have.

Motion to approve the minutes of April 6, April 13 and April 20, 2022 by Ted Waldron, seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So voted on a unanimous roll call vote.

5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:05pm by Gregg Ogden, seconded by Craig Holt. So voted on a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Varney