

City of Newburyport License Commission
Remote Meeting Minutes via Zoom
June 1, 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, Ted Waldron, Craig Holt
Absent: Gregg Ogden

2. One Day Licenses

1. Newburyport FISH LLC Oysterfest in the Port, 1 Day Beer & Wine, October 1, 2022

Nicole Francouer and Fred Derr appeared to request a one day Beer & Wine license for the Oysterfest at the Tannery Parking Lot on Water Street on the river side, from 1pm to 5pm. This will be run the same as last year, with the addition of a bar. They had 600 and hope for 1,000 people. They have a bike barricade for the beer area. volunteers checking IDs and providing wristbands – different colors for over and under 21. They will have a police detail of 2-4, and 15+ volunteers. Security will be at the two entrances/exits.

Motion to approve the one day beer & wine license subject to distributor name, insurance and TIPs certificates by Ted Waldron, seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So voted on a unanimous roll call vote, one absent.

2. Evolvment Music Enjoy Your Life at Bloc Haus, 1 Day Beer & Wine, July 8, 23, Aug. 5, Sept. 23, Oct. 22, Nov. 4, Dec. 16, 2022

Michael Bernier appeared for one day beer and wine licenses for small events showcasing artist works and musicians for enrichment of the arts community. They will have 30 to 40 guests, all age 21 and over, and ticketed. Events will be from 6pm to 10pm. Riverwalk Brewing will provide beer and TIPs servers. The area will be fenced in with fabric fence. Michael will be on site for all events.

Motion to approve the seven one day beer and wine licenses subject to the updated insurance, permission from David Hall to serve alcohol inside and outside and name of wine distributor by Marcia Foley, seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So voted on a unanimous roll call vote, one absent.

3. Newburyport Art Association, 1 Day Beer & Wine, July 2, 9, 15, 16, 29, 30, 2022

Lisa Naas, Executive Director, appeared for one day beer & wine licenses for the Artist receptions and celebration of life on the above dates. The events are two to three hours at the opening or closing of an art show. They have TIPs certified servers. They usually have 20 to 30 people at a time, and up to 75 beginning to end. They will be in the Hills Gallery and the Sargent Gallery. 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 six one day beer & wine licenses and fee waiver by Bruce Bergwall, seconded by Marcia Foley. So voted on a unanimous roll call vote, one absent.

4. Mission Oak Grill Wedding Cocktail Hour, 1 Day All Alcohol, July 16, Aug. 13, 26, Oct. 22, 2022

Nik Kedian appeared for one day beer & wine licenses for four (4) one (1) hour wedding cocktail receptions in Brown's Square. These are all similar to events in the past and they have not had any issues. The size of the receptions ranges from 80 to 129. All guests under age 21 have wristbands. Servers are TIPs certified. There are two entrances, one that only staff use and the other is handicap accessible.

Motion to approve the four one day beer & wine licenses subject to updated insurance for 8/13 to 10/22 events and Parks Dept approval by Bruce Bergwall, seconded by Ted Waldron. So voted on a unanimous roll call vote, one absent.

5. Newburyport Brewing Co. Pop Up at Oldies, 1 Day Beer & Wine, July 2, 3, 4, 2022

Bill Fisher and Chris Webb appeared to request one day licenses for a new Pop Up concept at Oldies on Water Street. They are working with Chris Skiba of New England Development to use the outside area facing the river and rail trail for a beer garden with picnic tables. Food would be brought in. They would set up corn hole and have portable toilets. The area would hold 300 people maximum. It is overgrown and would be mowed and gravel would be put down in some areas. It would be accessible. They will use green storm fencing to delineate the area.

Motion to approve the one day Beer & Wine licenses subject to lease with permission to serve beer by Ted Waldron, seconded by Bruce Bergwall. So voted on a unanimous roll call vote, one absent.

3. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm by Bruce Bergwall, seconded by Marcia Foley. So voted on a unanimous vote, one absent.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Varney