

GLOUCESTER LICENSING BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 6:30pm
9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester City Hall
First Floor, Conference Room

Members: Meredith Fine, Chair, John S. Rando, Jr., and Michael Lane

Introduction:

- Call to Order with a Quorum of the Licensing Board
- Introduction of the Licensing Board Members

Public Comment: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Continued Application for Extension of Premises: Mile Marker One, LLC. - 75 Essex Avenue
Tobin Dominick, Managing Member, Present

Cape Ann Marina has recently finalized repairs and construction plans on a 2 million dollar seawall surrounding Mile Marker One. The repairs resulted with increased deck size on the north and south side, a build out of the kitchen into the old dining space (taking away the inside dining space) and access areas. The sound issues have been improved. The improved remediation is due to a new railing system which creates a sound barrier to minimize the level of noise. The Mile Marker One submitted a detailed plan on the renovations and structural work that were completed. For the record, Lt. Joseph Fitzgerald, of the Gloucester Police Department, confirmed that there have been no complaints so far this year about the noise level.

The Board voted 2-0-1 in favor of the extension.

Continued Application: Transfer of Annual Liquor License and LLC Manager- Formerly Espresso- 116 Main Street, Transfer of License to SON, LLC, doing business as Fore and Aft.

Charles Goddard, Attorney, 27 Congress Street, Salem

Present in the meeting were:

Gary W. Cruickshank, Trustee and currently licensee

Ms. Susan O'Neil, the proposed transferee, who is currently residing at of 7 Eastern Avenue, Beverly, Ma.

Mr. Ray Scanzani, brother of Ms. O'Neil, who resides in Beverly, Ma.

Mr. Charles Goddard, Attorney of Salem.

Attorney Charles Goddard representing the applicant, explained to the Board of Ms. O'Neil's plans of opening a restaurant with no live music. Ms. O'Neil just completed her TIPS examination and training course. The Board requested a copy of her certificate for this training. Mr. Scanzani will be assisting Ms. O'Neil with the hiring of staff and managing the day to day operations for the opening. The plan is to have Mr. Scanzani hire proper wait staff, cooks, and a general manager. The Board advised Ms. O'Neil to hire an experienced restaurant manager. Ms. O'Neil will be the manager of the liquor license. All liquor to be stored on the premises will be in a locked storage unit. The number of bartenders is still undetermined at this time. Clean up on the property has been completed. The Board inquired if the Board of Health has walked through the facility. Next, Ms. O'Neil will have to apply for a Common Vic License and have the Board of Health sign off.

Abutters: Rebecca Borden, speaking on behalf of her mother, Dorothy Borden, both residing at 14 Pilots Hill expressed their concerns with the property and the previous issues that had with the former owner of Espresso's. Ms. Borden stated her concerns that the establishment was 75% a bar, with 20% restaurant seating, and 5% capacity for a pool table. Attorney Goddard explained Ms. O'Neil would like to establish a quality restaurant without the gaming it was once known for and that additional restaurant seating will be added. The Board did question if all green cards were received by abutters. The Clerk will double check to see if the green cards were submitted.

Board Member Mike Lane made mention of the dis-satisfaction with previous owner and the abutter's will be watching carefully. Mr. Lane emphasized the importance of hiring a quality and experienced restaurant manager.

The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the transfer.

NEW- COMMON VICTULLAR LICENSE APPLICATION

Yellow Sub Shop- 73 Pleasant Street

A New Common Vic license to Fatima Silva, 33 School Street, was approved by the Board.

The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the license.

SPECIAL ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

North Shore Arts Association- Annual Fine Art Fundraising Auction- 11 Pirates Lane

Present in the meeting were:

Linda Cote, Director of the North Shore Arts Association

North Shore Arts Association has been doing this fund raiser for a number of years. This is their largest fund raising event of the year. It is well received by the community and the auction is to raise funds for future restoration projects. This year, the Arts Association will be giving 10% of its proceeds to the Gloucester Education Foundation.

The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the Special One Day Liquor License.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Alchemy- 177 Main Street/ 3 Duncan Street- Status of Liquor License

Mr. Mark McDonough from the Serenitee Management Group provided an update to the Board on the status of the plans for re-opening the facility formerly known as Alchemy. Mr. McDonough is creating a new restaurant model to follow and will partnering with several other local businesses to provide services. The reopening will happen sometime this calendar year.

Ocean View Inn- 171 Atlantic Road- Status of Liquor License

Craig Miller, President of the Waterfield Design Group was notified by the Board to provide an update of current liquor license. Mr. Miller was not present at the meeting and will be notified about attending the Board's upcoming meeting in August.

Dyer's Rudder- 51 Rocky Neck Ave- Lack of a Complete Renewal Application. Greg Hale, current Manager, has been notified by phone on numerous occasions. A notification will be sent to the Rudder's managers requesting a meeting in front of the Licensing Board at the August meeting. As of 7/18/2016, a complete application was submitted to the ABCC .

Felica Mohan- Several complaints have come to the Licensing Board's attention regarding Mrs. Mohan making, distributing, and bottling homemade limoncello. A notification will be sent to Mrs. Mohan requesting her to appear in front of the board at the August meeting.

Pratty's- 10 Parker Street- A patron of Pratty's left the establishment and crashed into a neighboring house on 4/21/2016. The Board has requested a meeting with those parties involved at the August meeting.

MEETING MINUTES

Approval of May 26, 2016 minutes

Meeting Minutes were approved and will be posted.