

Minutes of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for their meeting held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at the Weymouth Town Hall, Chambers, 75 Middle Street

Attendance (present): Chairperson Kathleen A. Deree; Jeffrey E. Richards, Director of Municipal Licenses & Inspections; Police Chief Richard Grimes; Daniel McCormack, Director of Public Health; Fire Prevention Officer Justin Myers and Licensing Officer Edward Chase (absent): Fire Chief Keith Stark

Chairperson Deree called the meeting to order at 2 PM.

## **APPROVALS**

- Minutes: December 29, 2015

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the minutes. Mr. McCormack seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- One-Day Liquor Permit: Weymouth Club

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the One-Day Liquor Permit application of the Weymouth Club for Pickle ball Social on January 31, 2016 from 2 PM -7 PM. Server will be TIPS trained and there will be a caterer. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- One-Day Food Vendor: Weymouth Club

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the One-Day Food Vendor Permit application for the Weymouth Club on January 31, 2016. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Officer Chase – Incident at Next Page Café, 550 Broad St.

Officer Chase read the Police Report of Det. Patricia Critch into the record as follows: “On 12-21-15 I was working in Car 832 on the 12 to 8 shift. At 12:30 AM I received a call for loud music coming from the Next Page on Broad Street. I am aware there is an ongoing issue to music and neighbors. I arrived and pulled up front of the bar. I could hear the music from the bar. The doors were closed but the music was loud. I went inside and the bartender, Loretta Dittrich, did turn down the music. I told them the music was way too loud and that it should be over for the night. I was in my car and a male came along side my passenger side. He stated he was Eddie. Page. He stated they could be in the bar till 1:15 and the music was not too loud. I told him I thought it was too loud. He asked me if I had a meter, I told him no.

At 1:25 I was on Broad St. when I saw a male walk out of the bar. I called Sgt. Sandonato over the air what time the bar had to have customer’s out of the building. He stated 1:15. I called in that I

was going to check on the Next Page. When I got out of my car I could hear the loud music again. There was a red SUV out front. The female driver stated she was picking up the bartender. The music was so loud I had to really bang on the door to get them to open. The music was so loud I had to really bang on the door to get them to open. When they did open the door I noticed that there was a male, Stephen Rotondi, standing at the juke box. I had seen Stephen sitting at the bar when I was there before. I noticed him because he had a lime green knit hat on his head. Also on the bar was a half glass of beer. Then Mr. Page came around the corner with a beer in his hand. I had Loretta turn down the music. I asked why there were still beers on the bar and why did Mr. Page still have a beer in his hand. I also asked who the male that had just walked out was. Loretta stated he was the guy cleaning the pizza ovens. When asked why the beer was still on the bar she stated it was because she had to clean the pizza ovens and didn't have the time to clean the bar. I don't think she remembered she told the male who had just walked out was the person cleaning the ovens. She claimed that Stephen was there to work taking out the trash. Loretta was upset to the point of yelling at me. She kept saying she doesn't usually work on Sunday and she was just trying to make a living. All three people in the bar appeared to be under the influence. Loretta kept getting louder and yelling. I informed Mr. Page that I would be writing a report about the violation of the liquor license. I also told Stephen he had to leave. Officer Aldoupolis was also inside with me at this point. Stephen went outside and stated he was going to walk home. I had run his plate and stated he did not live nearby and he needed to call for a ride. He called or texted someone. Sgt. Sandonato came to the Next Page. I expressed my concern that the bartender and owner both seemed to be under the influence. Sgt. went to talk to them, he knocked on the door and Loretta and Mr. Page came to the door. Mr. Page wanted to know why I was at his bar to begin with. He did not understand the reason of my stopping. Sgt. Sandonato explained that part of my duty is to check on establishments. Mr. Page was getting louder and would not listen to the Sgt. I also attempted to explain myself to them but instead of listening Mr. Page just kept interrupting me. Sgt. told them there will be a report on file. Officer Aldoupolis was standing with Stephen waiting for a ride. Stephen claimed to have texted his mother for a ride. Loretta and Mr. Page went back inside and came out a short time later. While we were still waiting with Stephen for a ride. Loretta and Mr. Page came outside and, again, started being argumentative toward Sgt. Sandonato. Loretta was unsteady on her feet. Mr. Page was also unsteady on his feet. Loretta made a point to tell us she was no driving, they had a ride. They said they would give Stephen a ride. We explained Stephen had called his mother. Loretta told Stephen to get in the car, which he did. I will forward the report to Officer Chase for follow up."

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to pursue a hearing with this party in ordinance with Massachusetts General Law. Chief Grimes seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to schedule the next meeting for February 23, 2016 at 2 PM. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 PM. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa VanWinkle  
Recording Secretary

Approved:

Date:

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Jeffrey E. Richards, Director of Municipal Licenses & Inspections, Clerk