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LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: On the above date and time the Licensing Sub-Committee held a meeting in the first floor Board of Selectmen Room of Town Hall. In attendance were Members Hoyt and Blanchard. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

PUBLIC CALL-IN NUMBER: (413) 743-8300 x201. *There were no calls from the public received during this meeting.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The January 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. *Consensus was reached by Sub-Committee Members to approve the minutes as presented for January 29, 2020.*

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Draft BYOB Policy: It was noted that the next step is to send the draft policy to Town Counsel and the Police Chief for review and comments and to get a survey of fees for BYOB licenses from other communities for the Board to set an appropriate fee. It was explained that an applicant should have a Common Victualer License, and a brief review was made of the parameters of what requires a Common Victualer License. Information will be gathered on this and submitted to the Licensing Sub-Committee on what businesses need Common Victualer Licenses and which do not.

Discussion on Taxi Bylaw: It was noted that the status of the creation of the Taxi Bylaw is not clear and follow-up will need to happen. This will be revisited again in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Renewal Process for 2021 Licenses: A brief review took place of the process for renewal and what documents are needed for the different licenses. It was explained that Monday, November 30, 2020 will be earmarked as a potential date for the Licensing Sub-Committee to review all renewal applications before the full Board of Selectmen act on them the first week in December. It was mentioned that other communities were considering 25% reduction in license fees for alcohol licensees due to inability to use them for a portion of 2020 due to Covid-19. Information will be gotten from the Town Accountant on what a 25% reduction in alcohol license and entertainment license fees would be for an impact on the budget and provided to the Sub-Committee Members. The wording on the upcoming renewal paperwork was discussed and additions will include a requirement of a statement indicating number of employee certificates are on file for the alcohol establishments for TIPS and Crowd Manager training.

Current License Report for Town of Adams: The Quota as was issued in 2019 by the ABCC for the Town of Adams was reviewed and explained. The spreadsheet of licenses was reviewed and Special Legislation Licenses that are currently in place were discussed. Upcoming businesses with an interest in getting alcohol licenses were outlined and availability of license types was reviewed. It was noted that in 2017 a vote took place to add another six Special Legislation Licenses to the Town, but it was never brought to Town Meeting. This will be looked into.

Pending License Applications

Change of Manager Application: Gebirgs Verein dba Mt. Club, 6 Anthony Street, Adams from Richard Ziarnik to Lea Cudworth. It was noted that Town Counsel had reviewed this application and it met his requirements to go forward. ***Consensus was reached by Licensing Sub-Committee Members for this to go forward as submitted.***


Transfer of All Alcohol License/Change of License Type Application: Juljusz Slowackiego Soc. Grp1365 Polish Nat. All. Db a Julius Slowacki Society d/b/a Polish National Alliance, 13 Victory Street, Adams, All Alcohol Club License to Victory Lounge, Inc., 13 Victory Street, Inc., All Alcohol General on Premises License. It was explained that this has been sent to Town Counsel to review and is pending his response. The public hearing has been published in the paper for October 21, 2020 at 7:10 p.m.

ABCC Recommendation of the Investigator on Transfer of All Alcohol Package Store License: O'Geary's Package Store, Inc., 60 Commercial Street, Adams, to Aneeliquor, Inc., dba O'Geary's Package Store, 60 Commercial Street, Adams. It was explained that the ABCC had sent this back with a number of additional documents and a vote needed from the Local Licensing Authority. Attorney Porter has provided some documents and more are forthcoming before it is scheduled to go before the Board of Selectmen for review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, GOOD OF THE ORDER: There were no announcements made.

ADJOURNMENT: *The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.*

Respectfully Submitted by
Deborah J. Dunlap, Recording Secretary


Christine Hoyt, Member


Richard Blanchard, Member