



BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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Daniel Sarefield, Chairman

Richard Boscardin

John Zarrella

MINUTES OF MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners was held on January 4, 2021 over the Zoom meeting platform, and called to order by Commissioner Sarefield at 6:03 PM. Commissioner Boscardin was also present. FPD Liaison Lieutenant Howe was present. Mary Jo Bohart, Director of Economic Development was also present.

I. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

The minutes of December 21st and December 30th were approved by roll call vote 2/0.

II. APPLICATIONS

2021 Taxi/Livery Renewals

City Cab Co., Inc.

Approved by roll call vote 2/0.

Taxi Driver Applications – 1 Year Review

Ernest J. Smith, IV – Twin City Cab (1 year review)

One year review completed and no action taken. Approved by roll call vote to continue with current license until next renewal period (2022). 2/0

2021 Sunday Entertainment Permit

The following Sunday Entertainment Permits were approved by roll call vote 2/0

1. British American Club, 1 Simonds Road, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing
2. Eastwood Club, 389 Townsend Street, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing, karaoke, comedy shows, hypnotist, weddings.
3. The Fay Club, 658 Main Street, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing.
4. Hollis Hills Farm, Inc., 340 Marshall Road, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing.
5. Kingston Island Cuisine, 480-488 Main Street, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing.

2021 Sunday Entertainment Permits (continued)

6. Knights of Columbus, 165 Electric Avenue, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing
7. Lenny's Inc., dba Paddock Lounge, 1426 Water Street, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing.
8. Tryst Lounge, Inc., 320 Main Street, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing.

2021 Monday through Saturday Entertainment Permit

The following Monday through Saturday Entertainment Permits were approved by roll call vote 2/0

1. British American Club, 1 Simonds Road, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing.
2. Eastwood Club, 389 Townsend Street, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing, karaoke, comedy shows, hypnotist, weddings.
3. The Fay Club, 658 Main Street, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing.
4. Hollis Hills Farm, Inc., 340 Marshall Road, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing.
5. Kingston Island Cuisine, 480-488 Main Street, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing.
6. Knights of Columbus, 165 Electric Avenue, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing.
7. Lenny's Inc., dba Paddock Lounge, 1426 Water Street, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing.
8. South Fitchburg Social Club, 47 Duckmill Road, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing.
9. Thirsty Robot Brewing Co., 265 Summer Street, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing.
10. Tryst Lounge, Inc., 320 Main Street, for live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing.

2021 Renewals for Late Closing Permits (2 AM)

The following Late Closing Permit Renewals (2AM) were approved by roll call vote 2/0

Lenny's Inc., dba Paddock, 1426 Water Street (Sunday through Saturday)

2021 Renewals for Late Closing Permits (1 AM)

The following Late Closing Permit Renewals (1AM) were approved by roll call vote 2/0

Eastwood Club, Inc., 389 Townsend Street (Sunday through Saturday).

III. NEW BUSINESS

A brief discussion regarding outstanding licenses that had yet to be picked up, including:

*The Boulder
British American Club
Hollis Hills
KC's Pub
The Paddock Lounge
Thirst Robot
Tryst
Zapatas*

Lieutenant Howe offered to bring the licenses over to the establishments in the morning as he would be in City Hall. The Clerk agreed to reach out to each of the licensees.

**Note for file: Some licenses still had outstanding paperwork/fees that required attention, and the Clerk's Office is awaiting compliance to complete this step.*

Ms. Bohart stated that she was attending the meeting as it was helpful to listen to the dialogue and look for a chance to help any businesses, especially those that had been closed since March. She also was hopeful that as many businesses as possible would apply for one of the available mini grants that the City had through HUD or the Redevelopment Authority and that businesses could apply for both without being penalized to do so..

Commissioner Sarefield inquired as to the amount that had already been awarded. Ms. Bohart stated that there has been over \$400K to date directed in the Community – although not all of it was directly for those that the License Commissioner served. She mentioned that the hospitality industry had been particularly impacted by the COVID virus.

Commissioner Sarefield asked if Ms. Bohart would share any reports she might have regarding the awards in order to help the Commission understand how it was distributed. Ms. Bohart agreed to do so, and also noted that certain groups, such as social clubs, were not eligible to receive a grant under the current guidelines.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary de Alderete, City Clerk

Approved:



Daniel Sarefield, Chair



Richard Boscardin