



BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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Daniel Sarefield, Chair

Donna Pawlak

Glenn Fossa

MINUTES OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners was held on March 4, 2019 in the Fitchburg Fire Department Community Room, 33 North St., Fitchburg, and called to order by Commissioner Sarefield at 6:02PM. Commissioners Fossa and Pawlak, FPD Lt. Howe and Asst. City Clerk Amanda Alford were present.

The agenda consisted of the following:

I. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and signed.

II. NEW APPLICATIONS

Taxi Driver:

Lewis E. Chamberlain – City Cab (renewal)

Mr. Chamberlain was present. Application approved 3/0

Solicitor:

Loren Conley – Aerus (retail, parts and service)

Ms. Conley was present. Application approved 3/0

Special One Day License – All Alcoholic Beverages:

1. Fitchburg Lions Club, 14 Wallace Ave. for a Fundraiser from 5P – 11P on March 9, 2019 for 150 people in O'Neill Hall.
2. Fitchburg Lions Club, 14 Wallace Ave. for a Party – St. Patrick's from 4P – 9P on March 14, 2019 for 150 people in O'Neill Hall.
3. Fitchburg Lions Club, 14 Wallace Ave. for a Comedy Show – Fitchburg Police from 5P – 11P on March 23, 2019 for 200 people in O'Neill Hall

Mr. Schaff was not present. Due to the dates of the three events listed above, the Board approved the applications with the stipulation that a Crowd Control manager be present 3/0

4. Fitchburg Lions Club, 14 Wallace Ave. for a Fundraiser from 4P – 10P on April 27, 2019 for 150 people in O'Neill Hall

Mr. Schaff was not present. Application continued to the next meeting to be held on March 18, 2019. 3/0

III. CONTINUED HEARING

Beemer's Pub and Grill, 310 Main St., Peter C. Cote-Manager for Transfer of License to Peter C. Cote and Alteration of Premises to expand outdoor seating to include the parking lot in the rear of the building (approx. 5000 sq.ft.)

Hearing continued to this date at the request of Mr. Cote. Mr. Cote was not present. Application was tabled to the end of the meeting to allow Mr. Cote the opportunity to appear. Mr. Cote did not appear at the meeting. The police reports concerning Beemer's Pub listed on the agenda under the category entitled, "Correspondence" were received and briefly discussed. Commissioner Pawlak stated that she would motion to approve the application but would vote against it. As reasoning she cited her concerns with granting an extended, outdoor premise to this establishment showing a history of disruptions noting in particular the third police report concerning a large disturbance involving over 50 people that required mutual aid to resolve. Commissioners Fossa and Sarefield concurred.

Motion to approve the application failed by vote of 0 in favor and 3 opposed thereby denying the application.

IV. CONTINUED MATTERS

1. Colby O'Brien, The ARC of Opportunity for Special One Day Wine and Malt Beverages license for a Fundraiser from 6PM – 9PM on April 5, 2019 for 200 people on the old vocational work floor (main hall)
The clerk reported that Mr. O'Brien had contacted her today requesting that the application be continued to March 18, 2019.
Application continued to March 18, 2019 3/0.
2. Lodging House licensing procedure
(Continued from June 2017)
Continued to March 18, 2019 3/0
3. Notice of Violation Form
(Continued from April 18, 2018)
Continued to March 18, 2019 3/0
4. Proposed amendment to Fitchburg Taxi regulations
(Continued from September 17, 2018)
Discussion on the matter occurred. Commissioner Pawlak stated that she would draft proposed revisions to the wording of existing taxi regulations clarifying the responsibility to notify the Commission of motor vehicle accidents involving taxi drivers.
Continued to March 18, 2019 3/0

V. CORRESPONDENCE

1. FPD Report #19-4186 on 02/02/2019 re: Beemers Pub and Grill – Report of intoxicated male leaving Beemers Pub stumbling and falling as he exited establishment. Arrest made.
2. FPD Report #19-5192 on 02/10/2019 re: Beemers Pub and Grill – Two males involved in an altercation inside Beemers Pub. Arrest made.
3. FPD Report #19-7007 on 02/24/2019 re: Beemers Pub and Grill – Large disturbance over 50 people. Mutual aid needed from FSU Police, Leominster Police, Lunenburg Police, State Police. Arrests made.
Police reports were received and discussed. The Board ordered that Mr. Cote be summoned to a Hearing on all three reports to be held on March 18, 2019 3/0

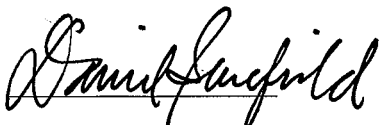
The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Anna M. Farrell
City Clerk

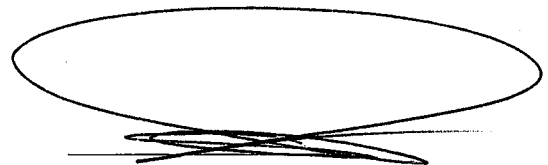
Approved:



Daniel Sarefield



Glenn Fossa



Donna Pawlak