



CITY OF TAUNTON  
LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

September 21, 2016

7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Lamb

Commissioner Brendan Mullen

Commissioner Bruce Thomas

For the Police Department:

Detective Dennis Smith

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Lambs .

1. Minutes of the meetings from August 17, and August 30, 2016. Motion made by Commissioner Thomas to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mullen. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Smitty's Sports Pub, Inc. db/a Smitty's Sports** – appearing before the Board is Steven Smith, Jeff Smith's father and Brittany Poissant. Mr. Smith indicates that his son, Jeffrey has had a medical emergency and cannot appear tonight so he is here on his behalf. Chairman Lamb asked if Mr. Smith was familiar with the plans and Ms. Poissant stated that she was probably more so. Ms. Poissant stated that they are adding a kitchen to their facility of approximately 255 square feet. They intend to serve bar food – burgers, fried chicken wings, etc. Commissioner Mullen stated that the plans indicated that they were cutting down the size of the bar. Yes. Chairman Lamb asked about the stage area. Brittney stated that they were actually intending to take the stage out. Chairman Lamb asked about entertainment. No – not at this time. Chairman Lamb asked if there was any opposition to the application. No one was in opposition. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to approve the application for an alteration of premise for Smitty's Sports Pub. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **88 Wales, Inc. d/b/a Bar 88** – Appearing before the Board is John Paul Thomas and Peter Thomas. Commissioner Thomas discloses that he is related to both of these individuals and recuses himself from this portion of the meeting. Application for an Amusement Device – Attorney Thomas states that they have a jukebox.

Commissioner Mullen made a motion to approve the Amusement Device license. Chairman Lamb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Application for a Common Victualler License. Chairman Lamb inquires about the worker's compensation policy. Attorney Thomas states that the insurance company would not issue a policy number until he produced the alcohol license. Now that he has obtained the license, he can receive the policy number. The recording secretary stated that we could hold the Common Victualler license until the policy number is supplied. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to approve the Common Victualler license. Chairman Lamb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Application for an Entertainment License. Chairman Lamb inquired as to what type of entertainment. Attorney Thomas stated comedy shows, a disc jockey, etc. Chairman Lamb inquired about police details. Attorney Thomas noted that in the rules and regulations, a police detail isn't needed as their establishment closes at 1:00 a.m. and their occupancy is less than 175. Detective Smith concurred. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to approve the application for an Entertainment license. Chairman Lamb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Application for a Special Alcohol Permit – Attorney Thomas gave a brief description of the event. It is an outside and inside event for a bank wherein they are having a Manager Appreciation Day. There will be an area of the property that will be sectioned off from the general public. There will be a cookout, a disc jockey and an award ceremony. It is not going to be a wild dance party but more of a corporate recognition event. We would like to use the proposed outside area and the indoor space. The business will be shut down from the public on this day. Everyone will be asked to show identification to ensure that they are over the age of 21 years. All the servers are TIPS and STOP certified. Chairman Lamb asked if there was anyone in opposition to this special permit application. No one was in opposition. Detective Smith suggested that they use plastic outside rather than glass. Commissioner Mullen stated that the Board will need a formal letter notifying the Commission that they will be closed to the public on Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Attorney Thomas asked if an electronic notification was sufficient. Yes. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to approve the special alcohol permit application for Bar 88 for October 1, 2016. Chairman Lamb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Thomas is invited back into the meeting.

4. **Downtown Taunton Foundation** – Appearing before the Board is Colleen Simmons. Chairman Lamb asked Ms. Simmons to go over the events. Ms. Simmons gave a brief description of the events which kick off the Liberty and Union weekend. The first event is on Friday night and is called the Downtown Tavern Tour. We intend to have music, some raffles, and appetizers. The Foundation is looking to have the special permit for micro brewers and a wine tasting to start the event. We will be purchasing the alcohol from Quality Beverages and there will be a TIPS certified bartender there. Mrs. Simmons explained that the wine is coming through Quality Beverages but that the homebrewers will be bringing their own alcohol. Commissioner Mullen asked if there was going to be anything else served other than the beer from the home distributors and the wine from Quality Beverages. Mrs.

Simmons stated that there would be appetizers. Commissioner Mullen asked if they would be purchasing the alcohol or if it was simply a wine tasting. It will be a wine tasting. Commissioner Mullen inquired as to who would be doing the serving. Mrs. Simmons stated that she couldn't remember the lady's name, but it was the same individual as last year. Commissioner Mullen asked if this was a ticketed event. Mrs. Simmons stated that they charge \$5.00 per person which gets them a wristband, they check the identification and then they receive a raffle ticket.

Commissioner Mullen made a motion to approve the application for a special alcohol permit for October 14, 2016. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued as to the event details for October 15, 2016. Mrs. Simmons stated that this event is for the annual Liberty & Union weekend which is held on Church Green, and we do have a street closing with this event. Mrs. Simmons stated that it was the intent of the Foundation to do a "beer garden". Mrs. Simmons explained that the event would be held under a tent and would consist of the same micro brewers who were participating in the previous night's events. We would charge an admission and the brewers will again offer a sampling of their brewing. Commissioner Thomas asked where this would be held. Mrs. Simmons stated that the ideal place would be in the street but she wasn't sure if her event insurance would cover that venue. However, they partner with the Historic Society so if needed, the tent could be placed on their property, but the preference was in the street. Chairman Lamb asked if they would only be drinking in that confined area. Yes. Chairman Lamb asked if the beer was for sale. Mrs. Simmons stated that they would be charging \$5.00 to get into the tent. Commissioner Mullen stated that this would be another ticketed event. Yes, so there is no charge over the \$5.00 fee. Chairman Lamb asked how big the samples were. Mrs. Simmons stated that she believed they were 2 ounce pours. Chairman Lamb stated he wanted to make sure so that they weren't serving solo cups sized samples. Mrs. Simmons stated that the Foundation was open to suggestions. Chairman Lamb stated that the Board needed to be cautious as they were setting a precedent. Commissioner Thomas suggested limiting the amount of samples. Commissioner Mullen stated that he thought the vendors would want to limit the samples so that they weren't giving away their product for very limited money. Chairman Lamb agreed for this particular event, but that he was thinking more of any future events. Chairman Lamb stated that they could make it 2 ounces or less per pour. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to amend the prior approval for October 14<sup>th</sup> to limit the sample size to 2 ounces or less. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Lamb asked if the Board had any questions with regard to the event for October 15<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Thomas stated that basically the only difference between the two events was that Friday was an inside event and Saturday was an outside event. Yes. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to approve the special alcohol permit for the Downtown Taunton Foundation for October 15, 2016 with sample sizes 2 ounces or under. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. BM made a motion to approve the special alcohol permit for October 15, 2016 with

sample sizes limited to 2 ounces. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

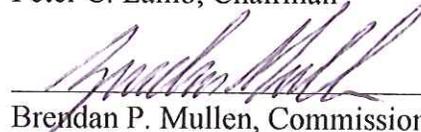
**New Business** – Detective Smith stated that he had some new business. He stated that there was an incident at Bobby’s Place wherein a stabbing occurred. The incident is under investigation. He further stated that within the last 12 months there have been 14 incidents involving the police. With the renewal coming up, he stated he wasn’t sure if the Board wanted to have the manager come in and discuss the situation. Commissioner Mullen asked what time the stabbing occurred. Detective Smith stated that the gentlemen was at the hospital at 1:47 so the stabbing occurred sometime between ... Commissioner Mullen stated it was safe to assume that it was some time after 1:00 a.m. Yes. Commissioner Thomas asked what time the other 14 incidents occurred. Detective Smith wasn’t sure but stated that he could get the information. Commissioner Mullen stated that he was interested in the timing and whether it was an outside or inside incident. Chairman Lamb stated that we should summons Bobby’s Place in for the most recent police report incident. Commissioner Mullen stated shouldn’t we bring him in on the other issues as well. Chairman Lamb stated that usually we bring them in for the most recent incident and then go over the history. Commissioner Thomas asked if there were any cameras for this latest incident. Detective Smith stated that he did not know. Commissioner Mullen stated that it was his understanding that there were cameras but they weren’t working or on at the time. Chairman Lamb asked if there was a general policy with the police department as to when there are cameras at the location. Detective Smith stated there weren’t any now but he felt the Board can modify the rules that if the establishment has cameras, then they need to be on when they are open and available to us to review for any incident that goes on up there. Commissioner Mullen stated that it was his thought that for the patron’s own security and safety that they would want the cameras on. Commissioner Thomas stated that he didn’t disagree with any of the above. Chairman Lamb asked Detective Smith to gather the information so that we can put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

The next license commission meetings are scheduled for October 12, 2016, November 9, 2016 and December 21, 2016.

Commissioner Mullen made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



Peter C. Lamb, Chairman



Brendan P. Mullen, Commissioner

Bruce M. Thomas, Commissioner