



CITY OF TAUNTON  
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
February 16, 2022 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Peter C. Lamb, Chairman  
Brendan P. Mullen, Commissioner  
Det. William Rutherford  
Det. Sergeant Joseph Marques

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

**Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to accept the minutes from January 19, 2022. Chairman Lamb seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.**

**Old Colony History Museum - Application for a Special Alcohol Permit for February 25, 2022, April 22, 2022, June 24, 2022, August 26, 2022, October 28, 2022, and December 16, 2022** - Community Programming Coordinator Saria Sweeney present on behalf of the applicant. They have applied for a number of events that they call Beer with Bronson that start at 5:15 and end at 6:00. You get 1 beer and a tour of the museum with the curator. They have been doing this for several years. The highest number of participants they have had is 26.

**Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the special permits for February 25<sup>th</sup>, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, June 24<sup>th</sup>, August 26<sup>th</sup>, October 28<sup>th</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Lamb seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.**

**Downtown Taunton Foundation - Application for a Special Alcohol Permit for February 26, 2022, May 21, 2022, September 17, 2022, October 14, 2022 and November 12, 2022** - Executive Director Colleen Simmons present on behalf of the applicant. The Mardi Gras Pub Parade is the only new event that they have planned and it will be replacing the Sweetheart Stroll at the gallery on Trescott Street. The Art Jam event is going to be all alcohol this year so that they can serve a specialty drink. The rest of the events listed in their application are events that they have been successfully held in the past. Detective Rutherford wants them to reach out to the police department to cordon off the area for the outside events.

**Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the special permits for February 26<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>, September 17<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Lamb seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.**

**Sherwood Entertainment – Request for Waiver of Detail Requirement** – Owner/Manager Alex Stylos present. Alex thinks that the current process is working well and would like to continue with that process. He believes they are working well with the police department. He says that due to COVID he hasn't needed as many details. He says that all detail requests are done on line. Detective Rutherford states that in 2020 they hired 19 details and in 2021 they hired 23 details. Detective Sergeant Marques states that he checked and that over the last year and a half there have been very few calls for minor incidents. Detective Rutherford states that there hasn't been much contact with the police department and that he should be more consistent. Alex states that he will communicate with Sergeant Medas via email so there is a record. 90-95 percent of sales are purchased online so they have a daily count available.

**Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the request for waiver of detail requirement for Sherwood Entertainment with the caveat that either the system be used or an email be sent to Sergeant Medas letting him know that a detail is not required. Chairman Lamb seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.**

**Home Plate – Application for an Automatic Amusement Device License and Request for Waiver of Detail Requirement** – Owner/Manager Rob Anderson present.

**Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the application for an Automatic Amusement Device License. Chairman Lamb seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.**

**Old Business/New Business:**

**Home Plate** – Owner/Manager Rob Anderson present on behalf of Home Plate. Detective Rutherford states that they haven't had any real issues since the last time they brought Mr. Anderson before the Commission. A detail was hired a week ago even though there weren't a hundred people present. Mr. Anderson states that they currently have one of the managers standing at the door. They are stopping entertainment on most night by 11:00 except for Thursdays. He states that his late night draws have been between \$400.00 - \$700.00 and there really hasn't been a need. He states that the late night people just haven't been coming out, but he's willing to hire the details once things pick up.

**Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the application for police detail waiver as requested in the application. Chairman Lamb seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.**

**Common Victualler Licenses** – There are a number of establishments that have either failed to renew their licenses or they haven't applied for a license. There are a number of schools on the list that have not been sent the application because they haven't held the license. The Commission would like the Law Department to look into the process as to how we waive the internal fees for the School Department and what can be done to enforce those that have not renewed or failed to apply for the Common Victualler License.

The Lafayette Club withdrew their Request for a Waiver of Police Detail Requirements. He has been hiring details and will continue to hire when needed.

Det. Sergeant Marques states that he stopped by Brack's and he spoke with the manager because they weren't displaying their licenses. The manager told him that they were waiting for their display case to come in. Det. Sergeant Marques advised that they need to put them up.

Detective Rutherford asks the Commissioners what they would like to do about pocket licenses. There are a couple of establishments that have either been closed for a period of time or haven't opened yet. Chairman Lamb thinks there should be a letter sent to the National requesting an update on the status of opening.

**Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to adjourn. Chairman Lamb seconds the motion.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

  
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Peter C. Lamb, Chairman

  
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Brendan P. Mullen, Commissioner