

PEABODY LICENSING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 12, 2022

On July 16, 2022, Governor Baker signed into law An Act Relative to Extending Certain State of Emergency Accommodations, which extends the expiration of the provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting law to March 31, 2023. This extension allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body physically present at a meeting location and to provide adequate alternative access to remote meetings. As such, this December 12, 2022 meeting of the Peabody Licensing Board was commenced at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Webinar and was conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible.

The Clerk/Recording Secretary was responsible for moderating the meeting via Zoom webinar.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson Fred Murtagh.

Present via Zoom Webinar were: Chairman Fred Murtagh, Board Members Barry Sinewitz and Jim Liacos, and Clerk/Recording Secretary Darryl Ann McCarthy.

MOTION: made by Jim Liacos to approve the meeting minutes from October 24 and November 14, 2022; said motion was seconded by Barry Sinewitz and unanimously approved.

One-Day Liquor License Requests

1. Jennifer Davis of the Peabody Parks & Rec. Department appeared via zoom webinar to request one day licenses for a Fire at the Farm event to be held at Tillie's Farm on Lynn Street on Saturday, January 7, 2023, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. They will be having a Christmas tree bonfire. Bella & Harvey catering will be doing a hot cocoa bar; Sgt. Jim Harkins will have his hot dog truck there; and Granite Coast Brewing Company will be serving beer at the event. No BYOB will be allowed, and they will prohibit coolers and backpacks. They will be shuttling people from parking lots at St. Anne's and the Brown School. The greenhouses will be open for warming huts. They expect about 300-400 people to be in attendance. They tried to have this event for the past 2 years but it was canceled one year for wind and another year for rain

MOTION: made by Jim Liacos to approve the one-day license requests of Jen Davis and Granite Coast Brewing Company for the Fire at the Farm event on Saturday, January 7, 2023, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; said motion was seconded by Barry Sinewitz and unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

2. Tom Pappas appeared via Zoom webinar on behalf of St. Val's men's Club for a dinner dance to be held at St. Val's on Saturday, February 4, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at St. Vasilios Church. It's the Men's Club annual dinner dance. It's a catered event with dinner and a band with music. They expect about 175 people to be in attendance.

MOTION: made by Jim Liacos to approve the one-day license request of Tom Pappas for St. Val's Men's Club annual dinner dance to be held on Saturday, February 4, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., at St. Val's Church; said motion was seconded by Barry Sinewitz and unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

At 6:45 p.m., the public hearing was commenced on the Application of The Bell Inn LLC for a new special legislation s. 12 all alcoholic hotel license to be located at 2 Washington Street, Peabody. The Clerk/Secretary read the Notice of Public Hearing into the record, a copy of which is enclosed.

Appearing via Zoom webinar were Attorney Jill Mann; the owners, Ed Greeley, Jeff Cala, and John Connolly; and the proposed manager of record, Cynthia Miller. Attorney Mann summarized the application and advised that the project was granted a Special Permit from the Peabody City Council to allow for a restaurant and hotel for The Bell Inn LLC. The hotel will have 8 rooms and 1 floor will be for food and beverage. The floor plan filed with the application delineates the areas of the hotel & restaurant & speak easy lounge. The mansion house will be common area for restaurant, hotel, and speak easy. The carriage house will have a kitchen area and outdoor patio area. The entire building is 16,700 square feet. The outdoor patio area is 4,150 square feet and will be a 2-season patio with outdoor bar service. There will not be free access out to the street. They are looking to have outdoor igloos in the winter season. The outdoor patio will be in the courtyard and they hope to use it all season. For the hotel rooms, there will be a service bar on the first floor.

Fred Murtagh and Barry Sinewitz asked about occupancy. What is the maximum number of people that can be there at 1 time and is there sufficient parking? All facets of the premises will be engaged at the same time. They will have lunch service start at 11:30 a.m. Dinner service will begin at 5:00 p.m. The basement area where the speakeasy is located will be open from 4 or 5:00 p.m. until midnight. At any one time, they would not expect to have more than a couple hundred people. Additionally, the church adjacent to their property will be torn down and that property will be used for parking.

Barry Sinewitz asked about the hours of operation. Last call will be at 12:30 a.m. on the weekends. The hotel will be operating 24 hours a day.

The Board asked about the experience of the proposed manager, Cynthia Miller. Cynthia Miller advised that she has worked in food service for most of her adult life at a number of different types of establishments. She has experience in food and liquor service and will require all staff have extensive training and receive certification in TIPS and ServSafe. They will take liquor licensing very seriously and will have 4 managers on-site at all times.

The Board members reviewed the application and had no further questions.

MOTION: All papers being in good order, Barry Sinewitz made a motion to approve the application of The Bell Inn LLC for a new special legislation s. 12 all alcoholic hotel license, pursuant to Section 3.(a) of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2014 to be located at 2 Washington Street, Peabody, including a permanent outdoor patio area with seating for 134 people; and approving Cynthia Miller as the manager of record

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	Barry Sinewitz:	Yes
	Jim Liacos	Yes
	Fred Murtagh	Yes

Whereby the Board directed the clerk/secretary to prepare and submit the LLA Certification to the ABCC for final approval.

At 7:09 p.m., the public hearing was commenced on the Amendment Application for Change of Manager for LTF Club Operations Company, Inc. d/b/a Lifetime Athletic at the Northshore Mall. The Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing into the record, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Appearing via Zoom webinar was the proposed manager of record, Lynn Bennett. Ms. Bennet advised that she has been working in the food and beverage industry since she was 18 years old. She worked as a bartender in Boston for 10 years; she is a certified sommelier and most recently she worked at the Beauport in Gloucester in food and beverage service. She is trained in alcohol safety, which has been a requirement of her extensive background in alcohol service.

The Licensing Board reviewed the application and supporting documentation and had no questions for the applicant.

MOTION: all papers being in good order, Barry Sinewitz made a motion to approve the Amendment Application for Change of Manager for All Alcoholic Restaurant License No. 06183-RS-0956 standing in the name of LTF Club Operations Company, Inc. d/b/a Lifetime Athletic at 210 Andover Street, the North Shore Mall, Peabody, changing the manger from Michael Bellacini to Lynn C. Bennett; said motion was seconded by Jim Liacos.

Roll Call Vote: Barry Sinewitz: Yes
 Jim Liacos Yes
 Fred Murtagh Yes

Whereby the Board directed the clerk/secretary to prepare and submit the LLA Certification to the ABCC for final approval.

There being no further business before the Board,

MOTION: to adjourn the meeting made by Barry Sinewitz; seconded by Jim Liacos and unanimously approved.

Whereby the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryl Ann McCarthy

Darryl Ann McCarthy, Clerk/Recording Secretary

DATED: January 10, 2023