

## **PEABODY LICENSING BOARD**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, September 19, 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 August 8, 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.

### **One-Day Liquor License Requests**

1. Erin McCabe of North Shore Bartending Service appeared seeking 2 special one-day liquor licenses for events being held at Bishop Fenwick High School: (1) Faculty reception on Friday September 23; and (2) a Class of 1997 Reunion on Saturday, September 24

**MOTION:** made by Barry Sinewitz to approve the one-day license requests of North Shore Bartending Service for Friday September 23; Saturday, September 24; said motion was seconded by Jim Liacos and unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

2. Leanne Shapiro Govaert of the Party Accommodator appeared seeking 2 special one-day licenses for events being held at Bishop Fenwick High School. (1) Class of 1990 Reunion on Saturday, October 1; and (2) another Class Reunion on Saturday, October 22.

**MOTION:** made by Jim Liacos to approve the one-day license requests for Leanne Shapiro Govaert of the Party Accommodator for events on Saturday, October 1 and Saturday, October 22; said motion was seconded by Barry Sinewitz and unanimously approved on a roll call vote.

3. Rob from Granite Coast Brewing Company appeared seeking a special 1-day liquor license to serve beer at the Fall for Peabody event being held at Lt. Ross Park on Saturday, October 1, 2022;

4. Beth Donhauser from Essex County Brewing Co. also appeared seeking a special 1-day liquor license to serve beer at the Fall for Peabody event being held at Lt. Ross Park on Saturday, October 1, 2022; and
5. David Pinette from Twisted Fate Brewing Company also appeared seeking a special 1 day liquor license to serve beer at the Fall for Peabody event being held at Lt. Ross park on Saturday, October 1, 2022

This is a community event being held at the Lt. Ross Park on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The area where beer will be serviced will be cordoned off and all enclosed with food truck and vendors. They will have wristbands for those over 21. They expect the event will attract over 500 people over the course of the day.

**MOTION:** made by Jim Liacos to approve one day license requests of Granite Coast Brewing Company; Essex County Brewing Co.; and Twisted Fate Brewing Company to serve beer at the Fall for Peabody event being held on Saturday, October 1, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 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 Endless Hibachi and Sushi, LLC for a New Special Legislation All Alcoholic Restaurant License at 82 Newbury Street, Floor 2, Peabody. The Clerk/Secretary read the Notice of Public Hearing into the record, a copy of which is enclosed.

The owner of the restaurant and the proposed manager, Ben “Hai Dong” Huang appeared with respect to the application. They are a restaurant serving sushi and hibachi. Its an all you can eat concept with a fun atmosphere and they are seeking a all alcoholic restaurant license. They are refreshing the space with paint and décor. No change to the existing footprint and layout. In the kitchen they are extending the hood and putting new signage outside. The lay out will be the same as the prior restaurant, Misono that was in the space. .

The Board asked about Ben’s experience in the restaurant business. He has prior restaurant management experience as his family has owned a restaurant. Kai, his partner, runs the same type of Hibachi restaurant.

The way the restaurant is set up will be 2 sections. 1 hibachi area with seating for 70 people and a second dining and bar area that will have seating for 50 people. The expect to be opening some time in November.

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

**MOTION:** all papers being in good order, Barry Sinewitz made a motion to approve Application of Endless Hibachi and Sushi, LLC for a New Special Legislation All Alcoholic Restaurant License at 82 Newbury Street, Floor 2, Peabody and approves Hai Don Huang as the manager of record; 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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION:** made by Jim Liacos to receive the application for transfer of s. 12 all alcoholic restaurant license from Taiji, LLC to Kichi , Inc. d/b/a Tokyo Steakhouse at 300 Andover Street, Suite 9; to schedule for public hearing on Monday, October 24; and place legal ad for same; said motion was seconded by Barry Sinewitz and unanimously approved.

**MOTION:** made by Jim Liacos to receive the application for change of manager for Nordstrom Cave Bistro at the Northshore Mall and to reschedule for public hearing on Monday, October 24, 2022; said motion was seconded by Barry Sinewitz and unanimously approved.

The next meeting of the Peabody Licensing Board will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

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 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Darryl Ann McCarthy*

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Darryl Ann McCarthy, Clerk/Recording Secretary

DATED: October 24, 2022