



NORTHAMPTON LICENSE COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Virtual Meeting

4:00 p.m.

The February 1, 2023, License Commission meeting was held via remote participation.

Join Virtual Meeting

- **Video Conference:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86565377696?pwd=ampMeGZBWEorR1dJWkczbEFjUjVxQT09>

OR

- **Telephone, call:** +1-929-436-2866, Meeting ID: 865 6537 7696, Password: 502109

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** by Commissioner Yakovlev at 4:00 p.m.
ROLL CALL - Commissioners Yakovlev, Kahn and Ewers were all present
ANNOUNCEMENT OF ZOOM RECORDING made by Commissioner Yakovlev

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

3. **APPLICATIONS FOR SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSES**

The Academy of Music, Inc., 274 Main St.

Type: Wine & Malt

Requests Fee Waiver

Date/Time: March 3-5, 2023, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Event: Back Porch Festival

Date/Time: Sunday, March 19, 2023, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Event: The High Kings

Date/Time: Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Event: Guster

Date/Time: Saturday, April 8, 2023, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Event: Best of Valley Voices

Date/Time: Friday, April 14, 2023, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Event: Gary Gulman

Date/Time: Sunday, April 23, 2023, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Event: Father John Misty

Date/Time: Thursday, April 27, 2023, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Event: Houndmouth

Date/Time: Friday, April 28, 2023, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Event: John Craig

Sunday, May 28, 2023, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Event: Jimmy Dore

Friday, June 23, 2023, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Event: Leonid and Friends

Melissa Cleary was present for these applications. She pointed out that the Back Porch Festival has been extended so she requested the start time for the applications for March 3-5, 2023 be changed to 12:30 p.m.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to approve the applications for the Academy of Music as detailed in the agenda, to change the Back Porch Festival start times to 12:30 p.m. and to approve the requested fee waiver. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3-0 by a roll call vote.

Melissa Cleary stated that a previously approved short term liquor license for a Matt Nathanson concert on February 25th has had a change of hours and requested the change to 4:45 p.m.

Commissioner Yakovlev stated this request can go on the February 14th special meeting agenda.

4. APPLICATION FOR A SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSE

Click Workspace, Inc., 9 ½ Market St.

Date/Time: Friday, March 3, 2023; 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 4, 2023; 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Event: Venue for Back Porch Music Festival

Type: Wine & Malt

Mary Yun was present for this application and stated Click Workspace is a venue for the Back Porch Festival this year. The setup will be done the same as Arts Night Out.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to approve the application for a short term liquor license for Click Workspace for March 3rd and March 4th. Commissioner Ewers seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3-0 by a roll call vote.

5. APPLICATION FOR A SHORT TERM LIQUOR LICENSE

Tommy Car Auto Group d/b/a Country Hyundai, 347 King St.

Date/Time: Thursday, February 16, 2023, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Event: Galentine's Day Sip & Shop Event

Type: Wine & Malt

Kayla Currie was present for this application and stated there are 25 vendors, all local to western Massachusetts, coming together for a popup shop. Mineral Hills will be providing the wine. The bar will be in one location so no one will be going back and forth between dealerships.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to approve the short term liquor license for Tommy Car Auto Group for February 16, 2023 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3-0 by a roll call vote.

6. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION FOR A NEW ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 109 OF THE SPECIAL ACTS OF 2016 AS A RESULT OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE LOTTERY

Paul & Elizabeth's, Inc., 150 Main St.
Proposed Manager: Nathaniel Sustick

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to open the public hearing at 4:13 p.m. Commissioner Kahn seconded and the public hearing was opened.

Nate Sustick was present for this application and stated he hopes by late spring to have something set up and will use this time to incorporate the liquor license into his business model. Alcohol sales have typically been pretty low but he states he plans to do some cool stuff with this new edition and is excited for the opportunity.

Commissioner Yakovlev closed the public hearing at 4:14 p.m. Commissioner Kahn seconded and the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to approve the application for a new all alcoholic beverages restaurant license in accordance with Chapter 109 of the Acts of 2016 for Paul & Elizabeth's, Inc. Commissioner Ewers seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3-0 by a roll call vote.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 4, 2023

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to approve the January 4, 2023, minutes as written. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3-0 by a roll call vote.

8. NEW BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion about February 14, 2023, agenda items.

9. ADJOURN

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:29 p.m. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously 3-0 by a roll call vote.