

SPECIAL LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Virtual ZOOM Meeting

The License Commission held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, via ZOOM. Present were, Commissioners Jeffrey Charnel, John McGarry, Robert P. Simpson, Christina Derome, Executive Assistant Silvia Carvalho, Lt. Paul Bonanca and Deputy Chief Edward Williams.

1. Hearing on a request from La Loft Venue, -Yolanda Medina, for a Special One Day Permit to Sell Wine and Malt Beverages at 1340 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA, on the following dates;
 - * January 28, 2023, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 - * February 4, 2023, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
 - * March 4, 2023, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - * March 11, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - * March 19, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Present was Ms. Yolanda Medina of 80 Thayer Circle, Randolph, MA.

A motion was made by Commissioner McGarry to take the dates collectively. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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Ms. Medina stated that she is before the board to pull permits for her events. She stated that she believes they are kids parties, and one is a pop-up event. She informed the board that she will have no more than 49 people at the location. Chairman Charnel asked Ms. Medina for transparency to state the types of events that are being held on the dates she provided. Ms. Medina stated that on February 4th it will be an 80th Birthday party for a grandfather, on March 4th it is a baby shower, as well as on March 11th. March 19th is the pop-up event.

Ms. Medina informed the board that she may need a license for March 18th, but she can come back for that. She also informed the board that the alcohol will not be sold at the events, and she will be present for all of them. Chairman Charnel asked Ms. Medina if she has anything else to add? He then stated that he did not see anyone from the public on the call, and moved on to the Commissioners, Deputy Chief Williams and Lt. Bonanca. Deputy Chief Williams stated that he went to the location today with the Board of Health and he has no objections.

He stated that he has encouraged Ms. Medina to apply for a full liquor license, because 30 days will go by fast. There are some factors involved and she will have to take a few months off, in order to apply for a liquor license. She may do that in the near future. Lt. Bonanca stated that from the Police Department

perspective, no police detail is required if admission is not charged, or if it is not open to the public. If there is a bartender, they should be TIP Certified, and the alcohol must be purchased from an authorized wholesaler.

Alcohol must be kept away from the patrons prior to service. The capacity is forty-nine, and he knows she will have a few employees. He asked Deputy Chief Williams if the total was 52 or 53? He replied that it is 49 including all employees. He informed the applicant that the police can enter at anytime during the events to take a head count to make sure there is no violation of the capacity. Other than what was specified, the police department has no objection as long as everything is followed.

Chairman Charnel then asked if any of the Commissioners had any questions? Commissioner McGarry stated that he wanted to reiterate that the number is forty-nine. They must be TIP Certified, maintain control of the alcohol, and obtain it from the proper distributor. Other than that, he had no further comment. Chairman Charnel asked if any other Commissioners had any questions? Commissioner Simpson stated that Commissioner McGarry touched on what he was going to say, so he yielded.

Chairman Charnel stated that he had a couple of things. He stated that the venue seems relatively small and intimate, which is great. He asked Deputy Chief Williams if a crowd manager should be present? Forty-nine people in a small space, is a concern and he thinks it would be a good thing to have. Deputy Chief Williams thanked the Chairman for reminding him. He stated that he believes Ms. Medina has become a crowd control manager in the past, and if she is present it will be fine.

Deputy Chief Williams asked Ms. Medina if she took the crowd manager course? She replied, no not yet. She stated that he did give her a form. He informed her that she must complete that before her first event, and she replied ok. Chairman Charnel stated that it would be wise for the applicant to get a full liquor license, because we have them available now, but they are not abundant. These venues are popping up left and right, and you do not want to be one of the people left out, because you thought this was a better way of doing business. He asked her to err on the side of caution, and to listen to Deputy Chief Williams.

He informed her that by applying for a full-fledged license she would not have to come before the board. The last thing he wanted to add was that the police department and fire department do have the right to go into the venue at any point. They cannot be persuaded; they have the right to go in if the board sanctions an event. They do not need a search warrant. If the board licenses an alcoholic premises, they have the ability to go in on behalf of the board and the public to make sure that it is safe with people consuming alcohol.

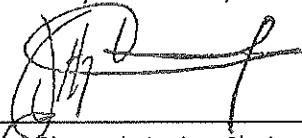
A motion was made by Commissioner McGarry to approve the permits with the contingencies set forth by Deputy Chief Williams and Lt. Bonanca. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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A motion was made by Commissioner McGarry to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

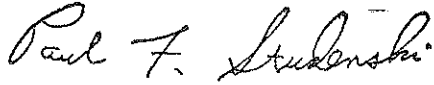
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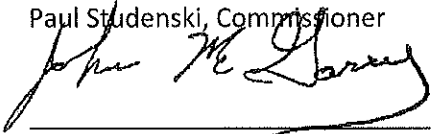


Jeffrey Charnel, Acting Chairman

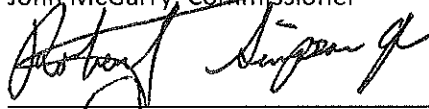
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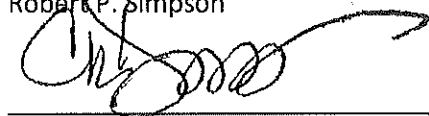
Paul Studenski, Commissioner



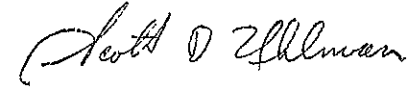
John McGarry, Commissioner



Robert P. Simpson



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