



# BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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Daniel Sarefield, Chairman

Richard Boscardin

John Zarrella

## MINUTES OF MEETING

*A special meeting of the Board of License Commissioners was held on July 1, 2020 over the Zoom meeting platform, and called to order by Commissioner Sarefield at 10:00 A.M. Commissioners Boscardin and Zarrella were also present. FPD Liaison Lieutenant Howe was present. Mary Jo Bohart, Economic Development Director was also present.*

*Jackie Cullen, Owner of River Styx was present*

### **I. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR ANY TEMPORARY ALTERATION OF PREMISES LICENSES, AS REQUIRED.**

*Commissioner Sarefield called the meeting to order and welcomed Ms. Cullen to the meeting.*

*Ms. Cullen discussed that they were using semi-permanent barricades to mark off their space and would like to keep the space this way to not have to move around the barricades. She was working with the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority to maximize her lot. She noted that she would be using the space for possible trivia nights in the future.*

***A motion to accept the change to the Special Permit and extend hours to 5:00 – 10:30 PM was accepted by roll call vote 3/0.***

*Ms. Bohart noted that outdoor seating seemed very popular and well attended. She also stated that some grant resources had already been given by Mass Development and was hoping that future small parks outside of eateries would become popular. The Department of Transportation had a rolling application date for grants that was also being looked into.*

*Commissioner Zarrella noted that in Amherst, the main street had been blocked off with barricades and restaurants were serving patrons outside and it seemed like a good idea.*

*Commissioner Sarefield stated that it was worth keeping an eye on as some of these types of venues might mean a change of licensed premises, and that could prove difficult.*

*Commissioner Sarefield noted that the application for the Knights of Columbus outdoor seating permit could be taken up for consideration.*

***A motion to approve the Special Permit for the Knights of Columbus was approved by roll call vote 3/0***

*A brief discussion regarding outside tables at SS Lobster ensued. Commissioner Boscardin stated that they seemed to appear without permission.*

*Commissioner Sarefield recommended that the owners be notified that the application for a Special Permit was at no charge and that they should be encouraged to use it. It was agreed to issue a Summons to the next Zoom meeting to ask that the owner be present to discuss the situation.*

*Lieutenant Howe notified the Commissioners that he had been out to Super Liquors to investigate the allegations of underage sales and found many confiscated licenses that were being held by the staff. He stated that it appeared that the owners were taking their jobs seriously and seemed to be doing a good job monitoring IDs.*

*It was agreed to cancel the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and meet on the regular meeting date of July 6<sup>th</sup>, instead. The City Clerk will send out the cancellation.*

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary de Alderete, City Clerk

Approved:



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Daniel Sarefield, Chair



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Richard Boscardin



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John Zarrella