



Minutes

The Provincetown Licensing Board Public Meeting of **Tuesday, October 27, 2020** at 5:15 pm in the Judge Welsh Room, Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street.

Meeting Agenda

NOTE: THIS IS A REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Provincetown Licensing Board will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Provincetown website, at <https://www.provincetown-ma.gov/>.

For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch/listen and participate in the meeting may do so in the following manner:

1. Watch on PTV GOV Channel 18, as well as an online livestream of PTV GOV at <http://www.provincetowntv.org/watch.html>
2. To listen and participate in this meeting, dial **(833) 579-7589** When prompted, enter the following conference number: **411 158 116#** When prompted, state your name, then press #. Please do not speak until the chair or the meeting moderator asks for public comments or questions. If possible, please mute your phone until you are called upon to speak.

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Provincetown website an audio or video recording or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

Members present by remote: Robert F. Cameron (RC), Chair; Shawn Byrne (SB), Vice-Chair; Bernice Steisel (BS); Donald R. German (DG); Julie Knapp (JK), Alternate; Russell L. Dutra (RD), Alternate.

Staff: Linda Fiorella (LF), Licensing Agent, Moderator.

LF gave opening remarks at 5:15pm and called for quorum by remote.

RC called the meeting to order, then gave the meeting over to LF who read the rules governing Public Meeting under current State guidelines pursuant to the corona virus pandemic.

Public Hearings

None.

Public Statements

Dr. Rick Murray read from a prepared statement concerning the Chair's comments at the last LB meeting pertaining to liquor establishments seeking permission to close for more than 30 days during the pandemic wherein Mr. Murray had found RC's remarks targeting the Crown & Anchor as directed with malice and without proper understanding of the hardships his and other businesses have suffered due to the restrictions from Covid-19; said his was the first business to make the decision to cancel summer season events back in March and noted that remaining open would constitute a strategic loss in the Crown & Anchor's ability to re-open next year in a timely and safe manner.

Other Business

1. Presentation on OpenGov Permitting Software by Lynne Martin.

Lynn Martin, MIS Analyst for the Town of Provincetown, presented the Town's new software system that was implemented starting in July which she said was a kind of one-stop-shop for many online applications, making it easier to navigate. Ms. Martin talked through a Power Point slide show that mimicked the Town's website in guiding the public to document locations and record searches.

LF thanked Ms. Martin for her time; announced she would be sending out an e-mail to Town licensees with a link to Ms. Martin's presentation; said she is hoping to have a lot of the public utilizing the new program as it is an improvement that will also result in making her own job easier, eventually.

2. Extend authorization of expanded alcohol service areas to expire upon the expiration of the Board of Health Rule and Order.

LF gave background on the expanded alcohol service regulations based on the Governor's ruling that were put into place through November 1, 2020, but which have now been extended; said the Board can vote today to continue this extension for an agreed-upon forecasted date, which may also be up to 60 days following the end of the state of emergency.

RC made a motion to extend amendments to the seating plans of restaurants including revised alcohol service areas to allow for compliance with the Town of Provincetown Board of Health Rule and Order on Use of Outdoor Space for On-Premises Dining, effective May 28, 2020 (The "Board of Health Rule and Order") after the seating plans have been submitted to,

and approved, by the Building Commissioner. The amendments shall be valid until 60 days after the Governor lifts the State of Emergency. SB seconded the motion and it passed, 6-0-0; RC, SB, BS, DG, JK, RD.

3. Board Election for Clerk

RC nominated DG for the position of Clerk of the Licensing Board. SB seconded the motion and it passed, 6-0-0; RC, SB, BS, DG, JK, RD.

No other nominations were announced.

Enforcement

RC noted that the Enforcement Agent was back on the streets and said he was very happy to have her back with the LB, as well.

Code Compliance

None.

Amend/Transfer License

None.

New License

Retail

1. Outermost Hope, LLC, Melissa Jerace, mgr., d.b.a. ***Domingos en la Playa***. 368 Commercial St., Provincetown MA 02657

Melissa Jerace presented; said hers is a small space at Arch Street to sell paintings, hand-made clothing and other art-related objects, no food.

RC made a motion to approve as presented. DG seconded the motion and it passed, 6-0-0; RC, DG, SB, BS, JK, RD.

Renew License

Lodging

1. White Horse Inn, Inc., Mary J Martin, mgr., d.b.a. ***White Horse Inn***, 500 Commercial St., Provincetown MA 02657

RC made a motion to approve as presented. DG seconded the motion and it passed, 6-0-0; RC, DG, SB, BS, JK, RD.

Correspondence

None.

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None.

Old business

None.

New Business

None.

Licensing Board Statements

SB suggested the LB go to online remote meetings in order to be able to see one another as well as document presentations. RC said he was unable to connect via Microsoft Teams. LF said she's connected both by her phone and by computer and related that participants can attend meetings on the computer without having to engage the video portion of the software and so not need to be seen themselves but able to view others and online presented materials; suggested that Zoom is not as secure as other platforms.

Licensing Agent Statements

LF said she is hopeful about the permitting software and reported she has nearly completed the online liquor renewal application but appreciates the public's patience as glitches are ironed out.

SB made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55pm. DG seconded the motion and it passed, 6-0-0; SB, DG, RC, BS, JK, RD.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jody O'Neil