



CITY OF TAUNTON
 BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
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PRESENT:
 Peter C. Lamb, Chairman
 Brendan Mullen, Commissioner
 Steven Turner, Commissioner

Meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Chairman Lamb.

Deep Pond Farm and Stable, Inc., 123 Dolan Circle: Request to increase occupancy:

Attorney Brianna Correira and Owner Georges Ghazal present on behalf of the applicant. Attorney Correira states that since appearing before the Board on April 12th they have received approvals from the Conservation Commission, approval for parking from the ZBA and site plan approval from the Planning Board last week. All of the parking has been moved to the newly purchase parcel. They are now better able to manage traffic flow and have a clear path for emergency vehicles. They are going to add permanent restrooms. The occupancy for the lower bar area is set at 30 and they are asking for a total occupancy of 399. They don't anticipate occupancy reaching the 399 on a daily basis, but would like the higher number for special events. With the increased occupancy load they have engaged a private security company in addition to utilizing police details if the Board would allow it. Attorney Correira states that when the ABCC representative visited the site her client was told that a section of fencing that they had added to the plan on their own was not required by the ABCC and the applicant was further told that they were happy with the fence going around the perimeter of the property and that they did not need to add the interior fencing that was noted on the plan, but not yet erected. Commissioner Mullen would be comfortable with them using bracelets and signage indicating where alcohol is allowed. Attorney Correira states that there are signs posted that show where alcohol is not allowed. Chairman Lamb asks about the permitted occupancy loads. Attorney Correira states that the building department can only put a number on the structure and they have put a number of 30 on the lower deck where the bar is located. Attorney Correira states that the upper deck is closed to the public until it

is made assessable or a variance is issued. They are planning to go before the Architectural Access Board for a variance. The Board would like an updated copy of the plan that clearly indicates the area where the alcohol is allowed for the file. Attorney Correia would like to know if they could serve alcohol on Wednesdays on an as needed basis. The Board says no. All licensees need to be open during their stated hours. Chairman Lamb asks what the general operations of the facility are going to be. Attorney Correia states that he has the food truck that is open and the bar area that just opened last weekend with an occupancy of 96 that was approved. They have had inquiries for birthday parties, networking events and social events for families. They have people that come by for takeout for lunch and dinner. They haven't had any large events and are hoping that the increase is approved. Commissioner Turner asks if they will be open to the public when they have events scheduled. Mr. Ghazal states no, they will not be open to the public during booked events. They have had some acoustic and a small band, but do not plan on having ticketed events. The entertainment license will follow their hours of operation. If the licensee wanted to extend hours for a certain event, they would need to request permission from the Board. Commissioner Mullen thinks if they are expecting a crowd over 100 they would be expected to call the detail officer. Detective Rutherford states that they need to be treated like everyone else and it would depend on the type of function that they are having. Attorney Correia states that her client will be working closely with the security company in order to determine which events would need security and which ones would not. Commissioner Turner states that if anything changes they should come back before the Board. Detective Rutherford states that the detail would come in to play when he is expecting over 100 people for a single event, not for people trickling in and out on any given day. Attorney Correia asks if they are to call for a detail for all events where they are expecting over 100. The Board tells them to use their discretion and consult with their security team to determine when the details are needed. Chairman Lamb states that the Commission has faith in their operations and wants them to succeed.

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the request to increase the occupancy to 399 people. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve a conditional waiver of police detail with the expectation that if they have an event where they are expecting over 100 people with live entertainment they will call the detail office and request a detail or if experience shows they have a consistent high number of turnout they will come back before the Commission to discuss. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Commissioner Turner makes a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mullen seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

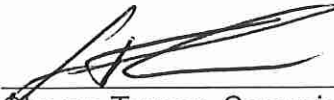
Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.



Peter C. Lamb, Chairman



Brendan Mullen, Commissioner



Steven Turner, Commissioner