MINUTES OF THE NHLC DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT & LICENSING MEETING FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

1. RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE COMMISSION MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 25, 2021.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2021; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

2. SCHEDULED HEARINGS AT LIQUOR COMMISSION OFFICES, 50 STORRS STREET, CONCORD, NH:

March 24, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.:

a. Cara Irish Pub & Restaurant, 11 Fourth Street, Dover, NH 03820.

Restaurant, Full Service With Lounge License #1440403 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:21, II(a)(1)/RSA 178:22, V(q).

Cited for violation of RSA 179:5, I - served or sold alcoholic beverage to an individual who was visibly intoxicated or who a reasonable and prudent person would know is intoxicated.

Cited for violation of RSA 179:51 - failed to maintain an orderly premise – 2 counts.

Date of violations: February 15, 2020.

Case #: 20-109-OF.

LICENSEE FILED AN ASSENTED-TO MOTION TO CONTINUE THAT WAS GRANTED ON AUGUST 28, 2020.

LICENSEE FILED A 2ND ASSENTED-TO MOTION TO CONTNUE THE HEARING OF OCTOBER 7, 2020; MOTION GRANTED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

LICENSEE FILED A 3^{ND} ASSENTED-TO MOTION TO CONTNUE THE HEARING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2020; MOTION GRANTED ON NOVEMBER 10, 2020.

DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT FILED AN ASSENTED-TO MOTION TO CONTINUE ON DECEMBER 4, 2020; MOTION WAS GRANTED; HEARING TO BE RESCHEDULED IN MID-JANUARY, 2021.

Date to be determined:

b. Pint Public House, 1111 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101.

Restaurant, Full Service With Lounge License #1475403 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:21, II(a)(1)/RSA 178:22, V(q).

Cited for violation of RSA 179:5, I - served or sold alcoholic beverage to an individual who was visibly intoxicated or who a reasonable and prudent person would know is intoxicated.

Date of violation: July 18, 2020.

Case #: 20-294-OF.

LICENSEE FILED AN ASSENTED-TO MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING; MOTION WAS GRANTED ON DECEMBER 10, 2020.

THE DOE FILED AN ASSENTED-TO MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING ON MARCH 1, 2021; MOTION WAS GRANTED.

3. NOTIFICATION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

Alibi Lounge, 137 Wilson Street, Manchester, NH 03103.

Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor License #1582703 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:21. Cited for violation of RSA 178:21, II(a)(1) – failed to meet the food/alcohol ratio of 50% for food sales less than \$75.000.

Date of violation: January 27, 2021.

Case #: 21-92-OF.

The licensee shall remain in compliance with all provisions of RSA 178:21 – On-Premises Beverage and Liquor Licenses.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

b. Dinner Table Restaurant (The), 121 Old Homestead Highway, Swanzey, NH 03446.

Caterer, Off-Site License #1295634 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(e).

Cited for violation of RSA 178:22 - served liquor and beverages to members of the general public while only licensed to serve and sell liquor or beverages to members of a private party.

Cited for violation of RSA 179:32 - purchased supplies of liquor and wine from other than the Commission or as provided by law.

Cited for violation of RSA 179:52 – failed to post the liquor license in a conspicuous place on the premises.

Cited for violation of RSA 179:18 – failed to post age requirement sign.

Dates of violations: January 19 & February 3, 11 - 14, 2021.

Case #: 21-101-OF.

The license shall be suspended for fourteen (14) days commencing February 16, 2021 and re-granted on March 2, 2021.

The licensee shall remain in compliance with RSA 178:22 On-Premise Cocktail Lounge – Off-Site Catering License at all approved off-site catering locations to include but not limited to:

- a. The liquor license shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the licensed premise during all catering events;
- b. An age poster shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the licensed premise during all catering events;
- c. In accordance with RSA 178:22, V(e)(4)(A), the holder of a caterers off-site license shall ensure, at every function, that all state laws are complied with and that any entertainment provided shall be approved by the Commission; and
- d. The licensee shall ensure all beverages and liquor sold at any function are being sold to members of a private party.

The licensee agrees to terminate all scheduled events at the location of Wonder Casino, 172 Emerald Street, Keene NH as it is no longer an approved location for an off-site catering event.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

c. Whiskey's 20, 20 Old Granite Street, Manchester, NH 03101.

Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor License #1516403 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:21. Cited for violation of RSA 179:50- Unlawful Purpose.

Cited for violation of Liq. 603.05 – failed to comply with the requirements of a Commission Order issued on January 14, 2021.

Dates of violations: January 23, 2021 & January 30, 2021.

Case # 21-65-OF.

LICENSEE REQUESTED AND WAS GRANTED A CONTINUANCE ON FEBRUARY 23, 2021. An administrative fine of \$2,000 suspended for twelve (12) months pending no like violation of RSA 179:50 – Unlawful Purpose and Liq. 603.05 – Violation of a Commission Order; the license to sell alcohol shall be suspended for thirty (30) days effective February 1, 2021 and re-granted on March 2, 2021; upon completion of the 30-day suspension, the hours of sale will be implemented as outlined in a the settlement agreement signed on January 14, 2021 which shall remain in effect; and this agreement is an acknowledgement that the licensee was in violation of the Commission Order signed and implemented on January 14, 2021.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

4. NOTIFICATION OF NON-CONTESTED TITLE XIII VIOLATION FINES PAID IN FULL:

None

5. LICENSE APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL:

a. Circle Mobil LLC, 2 South Main Street, Derry, NH 03038.

To be issued Combination, Off-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Tobacco License #3398347 pursuant to RSA 178:18/RSA 126-K:4.

30-Day Temporary License issued 3/1/2021.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

Crystal Ave Pizza LLC DBA Mickey's NY Pizza, 9 Crystal Avenue, Derry, NH 03038.
 To be issued Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage & Wine License #1613303 pursuant to RSA 178:20.
 30-Day Temporary License issued 3/1/2021.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

EAD Entertainment LLC DBA Muse Paintbar, 42 Hanover Street, Manchester, NH 03101.
 To be issued Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage & Wine License #1605403 pursuant to RSA 178:20.
 30-Day Temporary License issued 2/24/2021.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

d. Gasana, Shafike DBA Ikaze Supermarket, 374 Loudon Road, Concord, NH 03301.

To be issued Combination, Off-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Tobacco License #3402947 pursuant to RSA 178:18/RSA 126-K:4.

30-Day Temporary License issued 2/24/2021.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

e. Running Rivers Property Management, Inc. DBA Lost River Valley Campground,

951 Lost River Road, North Woodstock, NH 03262.

To be issued Combination License #3403247 pursuant to RSA 178:18.

30-Day Temporary License issued 2/252/2021.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION: THE MOTION PASSED.

f. Tipico Hondureno Bar and Grill LLC, 9 Canal Street, Nashua, NH 03064.

To be issued Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage & Wine License #1616903 pursuant to RSA 178:20. 30-Day Temporary License issued 3/1/2021.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

g. Toppling Goliath, Inc. DBA Toppling Goliath Brewing Company,

1600 Prosperity Road, Decorah, IA 52101.

To be issued Beverage Vendor License #108731 pursuant to RSA 178:15.

Manufacturer: Toppling Goliath Brewing Company.

30-Day Temporary License issued 3/1/2021.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

h. Valhalla Farms LLC, 244 Clark Hill Road, New Boston, NH 03070.

To be issued Wine Manufacturer License #569230 pursuant to RSA 178:8.

30-Day Temporary License issued 3/2/2021.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

6. LICENSE APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

Utopia Lounge, 148 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, NH 03865.

Cigar Bar, On-Premises Beverage/Wine/Liquor/Cigar/Tobacco License #40526 was issued for ninety (90) days pursuant to RSA 178:20-a/RSA 178:9-a effective December 8, 2020 through March 8, 2021.

Audits conducted on January 11, 2021, February 4, 2021 and March 1, 2021 revealed that the licensee is meeting only 28% of the required 60% of the quarterly gross revenue for cigar related products, pursuant to RSA 178:20-a; in addition to failing to meet license requirements, there is pending administrative action for violations of RSA 179:44 – Free Drinks and RSA 179:51 – Lighting and Conduct Requirements for On-Premises Licensees.

Recommendation for denial of a permanent license.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FOR DENIAL; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

7. <u>DIRECT SHIPPER APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL:</u>

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE DIRECT SHIPPER PERMITS ENDING FEBRUARY 26, 2021: 1,308

Aileron Ranch, Inc., 3125 Saint Helena Highway North, Saint Helena, CA 94574.
 To be issued Direct Shipper, Wine Manufacturer Permit pursuant to RSA 178:27.
 (Winery)

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

Dreyer Wine LLC, 9119 Graton Road, Suite O, Graton, CA 95444.
 To be issued Direct Shipper, Wine Manufacturer Permit pursuant to RSA 178:27.
 (Winerv)

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

Estcru LLC, 1160B Hopper Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.
 To be issued Direct Shipper, Wine Manufacturer Permit pursuant to RSA 178:27.
 (Winery)

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION: THE MOTION PASSED.

8. DIRECT SHIPPER APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

9. NOTIFICATION OF APPROVED PETITIONS:

None

10. PETITIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

11. TABLED ITEMS:

None

12. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL:

None

13. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

14. <u>NOTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE CHECKS SCHEDULED WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS:</u>

Allenstown, NH; Antrim, NH;

Bennington, NH;

Chichester, NH;

Concord, NH;

Dover, NH;

Durham, NH;

Epsom, NH;

Farmington, NH;

Hillsboro, NH;

Laconia, NH;
Merrimack, NH;
Pembroke, NH;
Salem, NH;
Wakefield, NH;
Washington, NH; and
Wolfeboro, NH.
COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

15. NOTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE CHECKS:

None

16. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING DECISION PENDING:</u>

None

17. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING DECISION:

None

18. <u>MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY:</u>

Spider-bite, Inc. DBA Manchester Adult Lifestyles, 179 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101. Relative to pending license application for Retail Tobacco License #150917 pursuant to RSA 178:19-a. A Felon Exception for Jon J. Thomas as Licensee was denied pursuant to RSA 178:3.

Case #: 20-357-OF.

Denied on: February 24, 2021. **COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.**