



Minutes

... of The Provincetown Licensing Board Public Meeting on **Tuesday, December 11, 2018** at 5:15pm in the Auditorium, Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street.

Members Present: Frank Thompson (FT), Chair; Shawn Byrne (SB); Zachary Luster (ZL); Robert F. Cameron (RC); Carol D. Santos (CS).

Staff Present: Aaron Hobart (AH), Licensing Agent; Det. Meredith Lobur, (ML) Compliance Officer.

Absent: Bernice Steisel.

Meeting Agenda

Public Hearings

Public Statements

Other Business

Discussion of the letter regarding Jeffrey's Taxi Service

Jeffrey Haley, owner of Jeffrey Car Service presented; submitted a written statement that reflected the views he expressed to the board regarding an unnamed person who has accused him of prejudice over the phone. Mr. Haley said the case was not one of 'he said/she said' but an outright lie; that he has never used such language in either his professional or personal life; that he is the only one who would have answered the phone in his one-man operation and that the accuser has either mistaken the company for another or is a disgruntled driver from another company.

SB said Mr. Haley answered his question in his statement by relating that he is the only one who could have answered the phone.

AH referenced two other similar-type accusations; one outside of George's Pizza and one outside of The Coffee Pot and said that the taxi driver in the former case had showed up to defend herself.

ZL asked if the person was from Cape Cod. ML said it doesn't appear to be and AH said he reached out, but has not yet received a response from the male accuser. ZL said he wished that the accuser could read Mr. Haley's letter and questioned how Mr. Haley or anyone else could decipher someone's race over the phone. Mr. Haley said he's lived in town year-round for 13 years and understands there are people here who have their problems, but that he would love to meet the accuser.

The board thanked Mr. Haley for this statement and appearance and no further action was taken.

ZL asked if a mediator was part of a service option. ML said it is done in civil cases, but that she, too, has not gotten a response from the accuser to date. AH added that the board would be involved if there ever should arise a litigious situation.

Discussion regarding the “Last Drink Report”.

FT introduced the Last Drink Report as a list of persons who are cited for drunken incidence and are then asked, for the record, where they had had their last drink. AH said that Detective Alves had said he did not put much stock in the report.

ML said the report is worthwhile to have, but noted that often those picked up and questioned will not reveal the place or person(s) providing their last drink so as to protect those persons or businesses. AH said that in cases where an establishment is cited that it could be a TIPS issue. ML said the report is done through the court, so it's a civil and confidential but not a criminal matter and just for OUI cases.

FL noted that the Governor Bradford is listed in two cases, but with different titling.

2019 Calendar

AH said that next year's Christmas Eve holiday falls on a Tuesday and requested a motion today in that the calendar needs to be posted by the end of the prior year. ZL said he would be not be on hand for the first meeting in February, 2019.

ZL made a motion to cancel the meeting of Tuesday, December 24, 2019. SB seconded the motion and it passed, 5-0-0; ZL, SB, FT, RC, CS.

Amend/Transfer License

New License

Renew License

SB made a motion to consider all the Lodging License Renewal Requests as a group. ZL seconded the motion and it passed, 5-0-0; SB, ZL, FT, RC, CS.

SB read into the record the Lodging License Renewal Requests, as follows:

Lodging

1. Tait Accommodations, Inc., Steven Tait, mgr., d.b.a., ***Aerie House & Beach Club***, 184 Bradford St., Provincetown, MA 02657
2. Moffett House, Inc., Daniel Luethi, mgr., d.b.a., ***Moffett House Inn***, 296A Commercial St., Provincetown, MA 02657
3. ALBB, LLC Audri-Bazlen-Weglarz, mgr, d.b.a., ***Admiral's Landing***, 156 Bradford St., Provincetown, MA 02657

4. Caltonio, Inc., Ruth Ann Leach, mgr. d.b.a. **Bayberry Accommodations**, 16 Winthrop St., Provincetown, MA 02657
5. Cook Street Hospitality, Inc., Patrick Flaherty, mgr., d.b.a., **The Inn at Cook Street**, 7 Cook St., Provincetown, MA 02657
6. Hudson Harbor R.E. Properties, LLC, Mitchell Klein, mgr., d.b.a., **The Archer Inn**, 26 Bradford St., Provincetown, MA 02657

ZL made a motion to approve all Lodging License Renewal Requests as presented. RC seconded the motion and it passed, 5-0-0; ZL, RC, FT, SB, CS.

SB made a motion to consider all the Art Gallery License Renewal Requests as a group. RC seconded the motion and it passed, 5-0-0; SB, RC, FT, ZL, CS.

CS read into the record the Art Gallery License Renewal Requests, as follows:

1. Cee Street Art, LLC, Howard Karren, mgr., d.b.a., **Alden Gallery**, 432 Commercial St., Provincetown, MA 02657
2. Gaa Gallery, LLC, Bettina Rosarius, mgr., d.b.a. **Gaa Gallery**, 494 Commercial St., Provincetown, MA 02657
3. Presley Rothenberg Fine Art, LLC, Jill Rothenberg, d.b.a. **On Center Gallery**, 352 Commercial St., Provincetown, MA 02657
4. Universal Fine Objects, Inc., Albert Merola, mgr., d.b.a., **Albert Merola Gallery**, 424 Commercial St., Provincetown, MA 02657
5. Sandra Haunstrup, mgr., d.b.a., **Simie Maryles Gallery**, 435 Commercial St., Provincetown, MA 02657
6. Provincetown Theater Foundation, Inc., Sacha Ferrier-Cohen, mgr., d.b.a., **Provincetown Theater**, 238 Bradford St., Provincetown, MA 02657

ZL made a motion to approve all Art Gallery License Renewal Requests as presented. RC seconded the motion and it passed, 5-0-0; ZL, SB, FT, RC, CS.

Correspondence

Reference the letter of Mr. Jeffrey Haley of Jeffrey Care Service.

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ZL made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 27, 2018. SB seconded the motion and it passed,

Enforcement

Nothing to report.

Code Compliance

AH reported that the Impulse Gallery had slipped through the cracks for a couple of years but has since paid double fees for last year and has renewed for next year.

Old business

Nothing to report.

New Business

SB said he had to fill out the form for the Town to remain on the Licensing Board. Recording Secretary, Jody O'Neil, informed the LB of their end-term dates.

Licensing Board Statements

FT reminded the public to have their licenses renewed by the 1st of January and asked if licensees can expect their renewal notices through the new automated system. AH said the system is still a work-in-progress, and FT noted it has been this way for the last five or six years. AH said that renewals do go out through e-mails in a four-page application. FT added that all inspections must be completed, as well. FT wished everyone happy holidays.

Licensing Agent Statements

AH wished everyone happy holidays; reminded the taxi businesses that their licenses are due, noting that December has been established as Tax Renewal Month; said he would be sending out notices tomorrow and that it can be hard to determine if taxi services are in operation in the off-season unless they are spotted in action.

ZL made a motion to adjourn at 5:43pm. SB seconded the motion and it passed, 5-0-0; ZL, SB, FT, RC, CS.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jody O'Neil