

**Brandon Board of Liquor Control Commissioners Meeting
February 10, 2020**

NOTE: These are unapproved minutes, subject to amendment and/or approval at the subsequent board meeting.

Board Members In Attendance: Seth Hopkins, Doug Bailey, Tracy Wyman, Tim Guiles, Brian Coolidge

Others In Attendance: Dave Atherton, Erynn Doaner, Andy Doaner, Bill Moore

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:40PM by Seth Hopkins - Chair.

a. Agenda Adoption

Motion by Tracy Wyman/Tim Guiles to approve the agenda. **The motion passed unanimously.**

2. Approval of Minutes

a) Board of Liquor Control Commissioners Meeting – January 27, 2020

Motion by Tracy Wyman/Doug Bailey to approve the January 27, 2020 Board of Liquor Control Commissioners meeting minutes. **The motion passed unanimously.**

3. Discussion of Alcoholic Beverage Control Ordinance

Dave Atherton advised there is an Outside Consumption permit request from the Common Ground for the new location. According to the Town’s ordinance, alcohol cannot be consumed in public areas that include sidewalks. A previous request from the Center Street Bar had been denied. Erynn Doaner asked if tables could be placed outside the business. Mr. Atherton noted Gourmet Provence places tables outside their business and the ordinance does not indicate that tables cannot go outside, but the consumption of alcohol would have to follow State law, as it would require roping off the area. Doug Bailey expressed concern with a business cording off an area that is on town property. Bill Moore stated other businesses have items placed on the sidewalks. Ms. Doaner stated they would be café tables and would be brought in at the end of the day. Tim Guiles noted the Center Street Bar would merit the same treatment. Ms. Doaner stated being allowed to place tables on the sidewalk would be like other businesses placing items on the sidewalks. Ms. Doaner stated the tables would be placed outside during the summer and it could be indicated that alcohol would only be served inside. Mr. Moore suggested the Board may want to revisit the ordinance, as there are going to be more requests with the change in businesses in Town. Mr. Wyman stated if the ordinance is changed, it would be a suggestion to place a time limit on the outside consumption. There was a suggestion of potentially issuing a series of

special event permits for outside seating, though it was cautioned not to get too far outside the scope of the ordinance, as there are other businesses to consider. Ms. Doaner thanked the Board for their consideration and noted that she will surrender the Outside Consumption permit and wait to see what the Town will do with the ordinance going forward. Mr. Guiles noted the business is going to be very successful without this item. Seth Hopkins advised that Bill Moore, Chief Brickell and he have worked on the Alcohol policy, but it is difficult to change the existing policy the Board could get behind. It was noted there is no Board action required, following the discussion. Tim Guiles had a question regarding the application and asked if there is an example of a public area that is privately owned when a public event takes place. Tracy Wyman noted an example would be his home when the Blue Grass Festival is taking place and also the Brandon Inn during the Summer Concert series. Mr. Guiles questioned with regard to commercial premises if his home would be considered a public space, since he teaches piano lessons in his home. Seth Hopkins advised that the commercial use of a home is incidental to the primary use of the house. Mr. Hopkins noted it is likely time to redo the ordinance.

4. Approve Liquor Licenses

Seth Hopkins disclosed that he has a business relationship with Alois, Inc. dba Brandon Inn and a membership in the American Legion.

Motion by Doug Bailey/Tracy Wyman to approve the liquor licenses as presented. **The motion passed unanimously.**

a) First Class

. American Legion Post #55

. Common Ground Restaurant & Pub, LLC dba Mae's Place

b) Second Class

. Global Montello Group, Corp. dba Jiffy Mart #436

. Martin's Foods of South Burlington dba Hannaford Supermarket #8409

c) Third Class

. Alois, Inc. dba Brandon Inn

. American Legion Post #55

5. Approve Outside Consumption Permit

. Alois, Inc. dba Brandon Inn

. Common Ground Restaurant & Pub, LLC dba Mae's Place

Motion by Tracy Wyman/Doug Bailey to approve the Outside Consumption permit for Alois, Inc. dba Brandon Inn. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Common Ground Restaurant & Pub, LLC dba Mae's Place permit application was surrendered by Erynn Doaner, as noted in prior discussion.

**6. Review of Request to Cater Malt, Vinous and/or Spirituous Liquors Previously
Approved by the Town Clerk**
. Red Clover Ale Company LLC for an event to be held on February 8, 2020

Motion by Brian Coolidge/Tracy Wyman to adjourn the Board of Liquor Control
Commissioners meeting at 9:15PM. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Bryant
Recording Secretary