MINUTES OF THE NHLC DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT & LICENSING MEETING FOR JULY 25, 2024

1. <u>ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES</u>:

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING HELD JULY 18, 2024.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACCEPTED THE MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2024.

2. TABLED ITEMS:

None

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

August 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.:

a. Hub Smoke and Vape, 433 Amherst Street, Nashua, NH 03063.

Retail Tobacco License #155117 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:19-a.

Cited for violation of RSA 126-K:4/Liq. 601.03 (e) – sold tobacco products to an underage person.

Date of violation: 01/26/2024

Case #: 24-261-OF.

August 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.:

b. Soho LLC, 20 Old Granite Street, Manchester, NH

Cocktail Lounge-Full-Service Restaurant License #1646003 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(q).

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

Cited for violation of RSA 179:27, II - served or allowed consumption of alcoholic beverage in an area not approved by the Commission.

Date of violation: 06/02/2024

Case #: 24-479-OF.

August 20, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.:

c. Mi Jalisco LLC, 586 Nashua Street, Unit 14 &15, Milford, NH 03055.

Cocktail Lounge-Full-Service Restaurant License #1434503 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(q).

Cited for violation of RSA 179:5, I – served or sold alcoholic beverage to a patron who was under the age of twenty-one – two counts.

Cited for violation of RSA 179:8, I – failed to require the purchaser whose age was in question to furnish identification that such person was 21 years of age- two counts.

Date of violation: 03/09/2024

Case #: 24-268-OF.

August 20, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.:

d. Horseshoe Market II, 663 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, NH 03874.

Combination, Off-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Tobacco License #3363847 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:18/RSA 178:19-a.

Cited for violation of RSA 126-K:4, I – sold tobacco products to an underage person.

Date of violation: 01/27/2024

Case #: 24-40-OF.

4. NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION PER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT:

Sonmat LLC DBA The Wilder, 174 Fleet Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor- Restaurant License #1553803 pursuant to RSA 178:21. Cited for violation of RSA 179:5/601.03 – allowed to be sold or given away or caused or allowed or procured to be sold, delivered, or given away alcoholic beverage to a person who was visibly intoxicated or who a reasonable and prudent person would know is intoxicated.

Date of violation: 04/27/2023

Case #: 23-564-OF.

An administrative fine of \$2,500, the license to serve, consume or possess alcohol shall be suspended for ten (10) days with six (6) days held in abeyance for twelve (12) months pending no like violation and four (4) days already served. All managers shall complete a Management Training Seminar (MTS) online within thirty (30) days from the date of the fully signed agreement. All bartenders and servers shall complete a Total Education in Alcohol Management (TEAM) seminar online within thirty (30) days from the fully signed agreement. The licensee does not admit to any wrongdoing or liability and enters into this agreement to resolve this disputed matter. The signing of this document does not constitute an admission for the purpose of any subsequent proceeding that does not involve the NH Liquor Commission.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

5. NON-CONTESTED ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL:

a. 603 Brewery LLC DBA 603 Beer Hall, 42 Main Street, Londonderry, NH 03053.

Cocktail Lounge- Caterer, Off-Site License #1308234 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(e). Cited for violation of RSA 178:22, IV – allowed a patron to remove an alcoholic beverage from the licensed premises.

Date of violation: 06/11/2024

Case #: 24-504-OF.

Warning.

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

b. Bear Taphouse + Café LLC (The) DBA The Bear Taphouse & Café,

115 Main Street, Gorham, NH 03581.

On-Premises, Beverage & Wine- Restaurant License #1669603 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:20. Cited for violation of RSA 178:3/Liq. 704.01 – failed to renew liquor license thirty (30) days prior to expiration.

Date of violation: 05/31/2024

Case #: 24-565-OF.

Warning.

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

Froggy's Party Pad of Salem NH LLC DBA Frogg's Party Pad, 419 S Broadway, Salem, NH 03079.
 Cocktail Lounge- Caterer, Off-Site License #1292234 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(e).
 Cited for violation of RSA 178:3/Liq. 704.01 – failed to renew liquor license thirty (30) days prior to expiration.

Date of violation: 06/18/2024

Case #: 24-531-OF.

\$100.00 administrative fine.

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

d. Melrye II LLC DBA Hagen's Grill, 6 High Street, Hampton, NH 03842.

Cocktail Lounge-Full-Service Restaurant License #1518603 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(q).

Cited for violation of RSA 178:3/Liq. 704.01 – failed to renew liquor license thirty (30) days prior to expiration.

Date of violation: 06/30/2024

Case #: 24-566-OF.

Warning.

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

6. <u>LICENSE APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL:</u>

40 Court Street Holdings LLC DBA The Hotel Portsmouth, 40 Court Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801.
 To be issued On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor- Bed & Breakfast License #363538 pursuant to RSA 178:21. II (c).

90-Day Temporary License issued 07/18/2024.

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

b. 77 Sports Bar & Restaurant LLC, 138 Main Street, Nashua, NH 03060.

To be issued On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor- Restaurant License #1701003 pursuant to RSA 178:21.

90-Day Temporary License issued 07/19/2024.

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

Bright and Lyon LLC DBA The Word Barn, 66 Newfields Road, Exeter, NH 03833.
 To be issued Cocktail Lounge- Caterer, Off-Site License #1309234 pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(e).

90-Day Temporary License issued 07/22/2024. **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.**

- d. Deciduous Brewing Co. LLC at Newmarket Rec Center, 1 Terrace Drive, Newmarket, NH 03857.
 To be issued Beer Festival License #4024214 for 08/02/2024 pursuant to RSA 178:30.
 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.
- e. GSC-Tru LLC DBA Common Man Roadside, 451 Commercial Street, Manchester, NH 03103.

 To be issued Restaurant Delivery License #07151 pursuant to RSA 179:15.

 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.
- f. Labatt USA Operating Co. LLC, 445 Saint Paul Street, Rochester, NY 14605. To be issued Beverage Vendor License #136531 pursuant to RSA 178:15. Manufacturer: Sunrise Brewing 30-Day Temporary License issued 07/18/2024.
 - DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.
- g. Mount Washington Observatory at Great Glen Trails, 1 Mount Washington Auto Road. To be issued Cocktail Lounge-Special One-Day, Voluntary Nonprofit Organizations License # 692641 for 07/20/2024 between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(I). DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA
- h. Odysea Coffee LLC, 265 Lake Street, Bristol, NH 03222.

SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

To be issued On-Premises, Beverage & Wine- Restaurant License #1670503 pursuant to RSA 178:20. 30-Day Temporary License issued 07/18/2024.

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

i. Shelter from the Storm at The Woodbound Inn, 247 Woodbound Road, Rindge, NH 03461.
 To be issued Cocktail Lounge- Special One-Day, Voluntary Nonprofit Organizations License # 692741 for 07/28/2024 between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(I).

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

j. Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, 28 Science Center Road, Holderness, NH 03245. To be issued Cocktail Lounge- Special One-Day, Voluntary Nonprofit Organizations License # 695141 for 07/20/2024 between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(I). DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

k. Stone Arches LLC DBA Madame Sherri's, 82 Main Street, Keene, NH 03431.
 To be issued Cocktail Lounge-Full-Service Restaurant License #1690003 pursuant to

RSA 178:22, V(q)/ RSA 178:21, II(a)(1). 90-Day Temporary License issued 07/18/2024.

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

I. Wing Xing Corp DBA Hawaiian Isle Restaurant, 4 Plaistow, NH 03865.

To be issued On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor- Restaurant License #1700903 pursuant to RSA 178:21.

90-Day Temporary License issued 07/17/2024.

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

7. <u>LICENSE APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:</u>

None

8. DIRECT SHIPPER APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL:

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE DIRECT SHIPPER PERMITS ENDING JULY 23, 2024: 1,348.

Panthea, LLC, 3400 Chardonnay Lane, Philo, CA 95466
 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.

9. DIRECT SHIPPER APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

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10. NOTIFICATION OF APPROVED PETITIONS:

a. Stone Arches LLC DBA Madame Sherri's, 82 Main Street, Keene, NH 03431. Cocktail Lounge-Full-Service Restaurant License #1690003 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(q)/ RSA 178:21, II(a)(1).

Requested approval for a permanent extension of service, to wit, for an outside area with the capacity of 48 pursuant to RSA 178:24/Liq. 404.05.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

b. VFW Post 1670 Inc, 143 Court Street, Laconia, NH 03246.
Cocktail Lounge- Veterans Club License #18139 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(h).
Requested approval for a permanent extension of service, to wit, for an outside area with the capacity of 222 pursuant to RSA 178:24/Liq. 404.05.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

Wayfarer Coffee Roasters, 781 Union Avenue, Laconia, NH 03246.
On-Premises, Beverage & Wine- Restaurant License #1606203 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:20.
Requested to transfer alcohol, to wit, to transfer alcohol from 781 Union Avenue, Laconia, NH 03246 to 626 Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246, License #1636803 pursuant to RSA 178:29, VIII.
COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

11. PETITIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

12. <u>MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>

None

13. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

14. NOTIFICATION OF ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS SCHEDULED WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS:

- a. Epping, NH;
- b. Manchester, NH;
- c. Newington, NH;
- d. Pelham, NH;
- e. Portsmouth, NH;
- f. Rye, NH;

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

15. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ON ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL:

None

16. NOTIFICATION OF TOBACCO COMPLIANCE CHECKS SCHEDULED WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS:

- a. Lisbon, NH;
- b. Loudon, NH:
- c. Lvme. NH:
- d. Newbury, NH;
- e. New London, NH:
- f. Northfield, NH:
- g. North Haverhill, NH;
- h. Penacook, NH;
- i. Pittsfield, NH;
- j. Warren, NH;
- k. West Lebanon, NH and
- I. Woodsville, NH.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

17. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ON TOBACCO COMPLIANCE CHECKS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL:

a. Northumberland Village Store DBA The Green Master LLC,637 Lancaster Road, Northumberland, NH 03582.

Combination, Off-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Tobacco License #3409547 pursuant to RSA 178:18/RSA 178:19-a.

Cited for violation of RSA 126-K:4, I – sold tobacco products to an underage person during a compliance check.

Date of violation: 06/25/2024.

Case #: 24-535-OF.

Warning and mandatory completion of a Retail Tobacco Management Training Seminar (RTMTS) by a manager within thirty (30) days from the date of the violation.

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

b. CN Brown Company DBA Big Apple Portsmouth, 800 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Combination, Off-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Tobacco License #3269347 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:18/RSA 178:19-a.

Cited for violation of RSA 126-K:4, I – sold tobacco products to an underage person during a compliance check.

Date of violation: 06/18/2024.

Case #: 24-506-OF.

Warning and mandatory completion of a Retail Tobacco Management Training Seminar (RTMTS) by a manager within thirty (30) days from the date of the violation.

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

c. SV Port Inc. DBA City Tobacco & Beverage Center, 806 US Route 1, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Beer Specialty License #4001807 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:19-d.

Cited for violation of RSA 126-K:4, I – sold tobacco products to an underage person during a compliance check.

Date of violation: 06/18/2024.

Case #: 24-506-OF.

Warning and mandatory completion of a Retail Tobacco Management Training Seminar (RTMTS) by a manager within thirty (30) days from the date of the violation.

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

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

Hearings were held on July 23, 2024:

a. Babylon Cigar & Hookah Lounge, 245 Maple Street, Manchester, NH 03103.

Cigar Bar, On-Premises Beverage/Wine/Liquor/Cigar/Tobacco License #407706 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:20-a/RSA 178:9-a.

Cited for violation of RSA 179:57Liq. 603.05 – failed to comply with the requirements of a Commission Order- two counts.

Date of violation: 05/11/2024

Case #: 24-437-OF.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

b. Hearing was held June 18, 2024:

Mass Bay Brewing Company, 306 Northern Avenue, Boston, MA 02210.

Beverage Vendor License #9131 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:15.

Requests approval of Right Coast Italian Ice Cherry Vodka Chill and Right Coast Italian

Ice Lemon Vodka Freeze each with an alcohol content of 7.5% at 60 degrees Fahrenheit by volume pursuant to RSA 175:1, LXIV-aaa.

Recommendation for denial of these products pursuant to RSA 179:31, VII(b) as the packaging or label features illustrations that have been determined reasonably likely to induce minors to drink.

The licensee requested a hearing.

The hearing is reopened at the request of the Licensee's counsel following the filing of supplemental submissions.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

c. Informational Hearing Held May 14, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. Northwood Town Hall Room in the Public Meeting Room, 818 First NH Turnpike, Northwood, NH 03261.

V.M.O. Inc. DBA Lake Shore Farm Inn, 275 Jenness Pond Road, Northwood, NH 03261.

Pending Hotel, Full Service With Lounge License #377302 pursuant to

RSA 178:21, II(b)(1)/RSA 178:22, V(k).

Decision dated 05/31/2024:

CONCLUSION OF LAW:

"The prospective licensee has failed to meet the requirements for a Hotel Cocktail license pursuant to RSA 178:3, VII (b) & (f)."

RECOMMENDATION:

"The Division of Enforcement and Licensing shall not issue a liquor license to V.M.O. Inc. D/B/A Lake Shore Farm Inn due to the licensee's inability to operate the business in strict accordance with all applicate state and federal beverage control laws and rules, and the fact that the very nature of the business is not an appropriate one given its location and the town of Northwood's lack of resources."

The Licensee filed a Motion to Appeal the Denial of the License.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

19. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING DECISIONS:

None

20. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

None