MINUTES OF THE NHLC DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT & LICENSING MEETING FOR AUGUST 15, 2024

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING HELD AUGUST 08, 2024.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACCEPTED THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 08, 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 1:00 p.m.:

c. 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.

September 17, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.:

d. 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.

The hearings office continued the July 23, 2024 hearing.

4. <u>NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION PER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT:</u>

None

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

a. Dancing Yeti Bar & Grill LLC, 233 Valley Street, Manchester, NH 03104.

On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor- Restaurant License #1696603 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:21. 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: 07/28/2024

Case #: 24-637-OF.

Warning.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

b. HCC Wolfeboro LLC DBA Wolfeboro Inn, 90 North Main Street, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.

Hotel, Full Service with Lounge License #369402 licensed pursuant to

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

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 #: 24-567-OF.

Warning.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

c. Hillman, Doug DBA Aylakai, 36 Main Street, Littleton, NH 03561.

Retail Tobacco License #834017 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:19-a.

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

Date of violation: 06/30/2024

Case #: 24-608-OF.

Warning.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

d. La Corona Mexican Restaurant and Cantina Inc, 83 Farmington Road, Rochester, NH 03867.

Cocktail Lounge-Full-Service Restaurant License #1452603 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:22. V(g).

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

Date of violation: 06/30/2024

Case #: 24-614-OF.

Warning.

expiration.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

e. Sunny Garden Chinese Restaurant Inc, 4752 Dartmouth College Highway, Woodsville, NH 03785. On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor- Restaurant License #1325303 pursuant to RSA 178:21. 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 #: 24-615-OF.

Warning.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

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

a. Casa Lago Cantina LLC, 500 Laconia Road, Tilton, NH 03276.

To be issued On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor- Restaurant License #1698103 pursuant to RSA 178:21.

30-Day Temporary License issued 08/07/2024.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

b. Claremont Kiwanis Charities Inc at Claremont Visitors Green, North Street, Claremont, NH 03743. To be issued Beer Festival License #4024014 for 09/21/2024 between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:30.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

c. CML LLC DBA Cranmore Mountain Lodge, 859 Kearsarge Road, North Conway, NH 03860. To be issued On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor- Bed & Breakfast License #363038 pursuant to RSA 178:21, II (c).

90-Day Temporary License issued 07/15/2024.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

d. Elite Lounge & Grill LLC, 14 W. Hollis Street, Nashua, NH 03060.

To be issued On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor- Restaurant License #1701803 pursuant to RSA 178:21.

30-Day Temporary License issued 08/07/2024.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

e. It's Good Imports LLC, 150 Pilgrim Park Road, Unit 2, Waterbury, VT 05676.

To be issued Beverage Vendor License #138231 pursuant to RSA 178:15

Manufacturer: Messorem Bracitorium Inc.

30-Day Temporary License issued 08/07/2024.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

f. LWCJR Corp DBA Café on the Oval, 285 Union Square, Milford, NH 03055.

To be issued On-Premises, Beverage & Wine- Restaurant License #1700403 pursuant to RSA 178:20. 30-Day Temporary License issued 08/13/2024.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

g. New London Hospital Association Inc (The) at 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH 03257.

To be issued Cocktail Lounge-Special, One-Day, Voluntary Nonprofit Organizations License #695441 for 08/15/2024 pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(I).

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

Nirali LLC DBA Foster's Crossroads, 21 Riverside Drive, Twin Mountain, NH 03595.

To be issued Combination, Off-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Tobacco License #3440947 pursuant to RSA 178:18/RSA 178:19-a.

30-Day Temporary License issued 08/12/2024.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

i. Rambling House LLC, 57 Factory Street, Nashua, NH 03062.

To be issued Cocktail Lounge- Caterer, Off-Site License #1309034 pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(e). 30-Day Temporary License issued 08/07/2024.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

j. Round 2 Spirits LLC, 1902 Weber Ranch Road, Muenster, TX 76252.

To be issued Liquor & Wine Vendor License #149645 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:9. 30-Day Temporary License issued 08/08/2024.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

k. Vino.com LLC DBA Total Beverage Solution,

421 Wando Park Boulevard, Suite 200, Mount Pleasant, NC 29464.

To be issued Beverage Vendor License #138131 pursuant to RSA 178:15

Manufacturer: C & C International

30-Day Temporary License issued 08/07/2024.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

I. White Birch Catering & Banquet Hall LLC

at Hudson Old Home Days, 20 Library Street, Hudson, NH 03051.

To be issued Beer Festival License #4024414 from 08/09/2024- 08/11/2024 pursuant to RSA 178:30.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

7. LICENSE APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

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

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE DIRECT SHIPPER PERMITS ENDING AUGUST 13, 2024: 1,344.

Lost Valley Ranch Wines, LLC, 1500 Wooden Valley Road, Napa, CA 94558
 Direct Shipper Wine Manufacturer Permit pursuant to RSA 178:27.
 (Winery)

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

9. DIRECT SHIPPER APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

10. NOTIFICATION OF APPROVED PETITIONS:

a. Cathedral Ledge Distillery Inc, 3340 White Mountain Highway, North Conway, NH 03960.
 Liquor Manufacturer License #289219 pursuant to RSA 178:6.
 Requested approval for authorization of other area for retail sales and tastings at farmers' market, to wit, Milford Craft Fair at VFW Milford, 1 VFW Way, Milford, NH 03055 on 10/26/2024 between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:24/RSA 179:44, II-a.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

Cathedral Ledge Distillery Inc, 3340 White Mountain Highway, North Conway, NH 03960.
 Liquor Manufacturer License #289219 pursuant to RSA 178:6.
 Requested approval for authorization of other area for retail sales and tastings at farmers' market, to wit, NH Pagans Fair 2024, 174 Mile Hill Road, Belmont, NH 03220 from 11/14/2024- 11/15/2024

between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:24/RSA 179:44, II-a.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

c. Mel's Funway Park LLC, 454 Charles Bancroft Highway, Litchfield, NH 03052.
On-Premises, Beverage & Wine- Restaurant License #1531903 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:20.
Requested approval for a temporary extension of service, to wit, for two outside areas, service area # 1 with an increase in capacity from 140 to 750 and service area #2 with an increase in capacity from 94 to 500 from 09/13/2024- 11/02/2024 pursuant to RSA 178:24/Lig. 404.05.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

d. Merrimack VFW 8641 DBA VFW, 282 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, NH 03054. Cocktail Lounge- Veterans Club License #27839 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(h). Requested approval for a temporary extension of service, to wit, for an outside area for 08/10/2024 between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:24/Liq. 404.05.
CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED. e. Toasted Brothers Salem LLC DBA The Friendly Toast, 16 Via Toscana, Salem, NH 03079.
On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor- Restaurant License #1695903 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:21.
Requested approval for a permanent extension of service, to wit, for an outside area, with the capacity of 34 pursuant to RSA 178:24/Liq. 404.05.
CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

11. PETITIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

12. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL

a. Brown-Forman Corp, 850 Dixie Highway, Louisville, KY 40210.
 Beverage Vendor License #13231 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:15.
 Requests approval of specialty beverage, Jack Daniel's with Coca-Cola Zero Sugar with an alcohol content of 7% at 60 degrees Fahrenheit by volume pursuant to RSA 175:1, LXIV-aaa.
 CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

Pabst Brewing Company, 711 Broadway Street, 6th Floor, San Antonio, TX 78215.
 Beverage Vendor License #83431 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:15.
 Requests approval of specialty beer, Dragon's Milk D20 with an alcohol content of 20% at 60 degrees Fahrenheit by volume pursuant to RSA 175:1, LXIV-a.
 CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

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;

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

15. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ON ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL:</u>

a. 1759 Grille LLC, 45A Whittemore Road, Pembroke, NH 03275.

On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor- Restaurant License #1676103 pursuant to RSA 178:21.

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

Date of violation: 07/22/2024

Case #: 24-621-OF.

Warning and mandatory completion of a Management Training

Seminar (MTS) by a manager within thirty (30) days from the date of the violation.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

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

- a. Brookline, NH;
- b. Goffstown, NH;
- c. Greenville, NH;
- d. Hillsborough, NH;

- e. Hollis, NH;
- f. Loudon, NH;
- g. Lyme, NH;
- h. New Boston, NH;
- i. Newbury, NH;
- j. New Ipswich, NH;
- k. New London, NH;
- I. Northfield, NH;
- m. North Haverhill, NH;
- n. Penacook, NH;
- o. Peterborough, NH;
- p. Weare, NH;
- q. West Lebanon, NH and:
- r. Wilton, NH.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

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

 a. Cumberland Farms Inc DBA Cumberland Farms #5446, 189 Central Street, Woodsville, NH 03785.
 Combination, Off-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Tobacco License #3319747 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: 07/29/2024.

Case #: 24-632-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.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

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

None

19. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING DECISIONS:

a. 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. Hearing was held on July 23, 2024: Decision dated August 13, 2024: "After reviewing the parties' submissions, the entire record, and the applicable law and regulations it is hereby ordered: Harpoon's request for product label approval of "Right coast Italian Ice Cherry Vodka Chill and "Right Coast Italian Ice Lemon Vodka Freeze" is hereby denied." CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

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

None