MINUTES OF THE NHLC DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT & LICENSING MEETING FOR OCTOBER 24, 2024

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING HELD OCTOBER 17, 2024.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BRASSARD JORDAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2024; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

2. TABLED ITEMS:

None

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

None

4. NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION PER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT:

a. Alstead General Store Inc, 10 Mechanic Street, Alstead, NH 03602.

Combination, Off-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Tobacco License #3367047 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:18/RSA 178:19-a.

Cited for violation of RSA 126-K:4, I – sold tobacco products to a person under the age of twenty-one during a compliance check.

Date of violation: 09/10/2024.

Case #: 24-761-OF.

An administrative fine of \$100 and one (1) point shall be assessed to and remain on the liquor license for three (3) years commencing the date of adjudication.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

b. American Legion Post 4, 797 Court Street, Keene, NH 03431.

Cocktail Lounge- Veterans Club License #17539 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(h).

Cited for violation of RSA 179:5, I/ Liq. 603.03(b) – Aggravated-served or sold alcoholic beverage to a patron who was visibly intoxicated or who a reasonable and prudent person would know is intoxicated. Date of violation: 05/04/2024.

Case #: 24-428-OF.

An administrative fine of \$2,500 with \$1,500 suspended for twelve (12) months pending no like violation. The license to serve, consume or possess alcohol shall be suspended for ten (10) days with seven (7) days held in abeyance for twelve (12) months pending no like violation commencing November 02, 2024, and re-granted on November 05, 2024. 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. This settlement constitutes the complete agreement between and among the Parties and supersedes all written or oral communications or agreements related thereto.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

Deerhead Sportsmens Club Inc, 314 Londonderry Turnpike, Hooksett, NH 03106.
 Cocktail Lounge- Social Club License #27501 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(h).
 Cited for violation of RSA 179:51/Liq. 603.03 (b) – failed to conduct their premises in an orderly manner.
 Date of violation: 03/28/2024.

Case #: 24-390-OF.

An administrative fine of \$2,500 with \$2,000 suspended for twelve (12) months pending no like violation. The license to serve, consume or possess alcohol shall be suspended for ten (10) days with seven (7) days held in abeyance for twelve (12) months pending no like violation commencing October 29, 2024, and re-granted on November 01, 2024. This settlement constitutes the complete agreement between and among the Parties and supersedes all written or oral communications or agreements related thereto. **COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.**

d. Granite State Poker Alliance LLC DBA Filotimo Casino,

1279 South Willow Street, Manchester, NH 03103.

On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor- Restaurant License #1503503 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:21.

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.

Date of violation: 03/31/2024.

Case #: 24-366-OF.

This case shall be placed on file for one (1) year pending good behavior and no like violations.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

e. L & Y Corporation DBA Bow Mobil, 519 South Street, Bow, NH 03304.

Combination, Off-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Tobacco License #3186347 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:18/RSA 178:19-a.

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

Date of violation: 06/05/2024.

Case #: 24-617-OF.

An administrative fine of \$500 and four (4) points shall be assessed to and remain on the liquor license for three (3) years commencing the date of adjudication. The license to sell alcohol shall be suspended for three (3) days and held in abeyance for twelve (12) months pending no like violation.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

f. Shreeji LLC DBA Village Street Discount Beverage, 308 Village Street, Penacook, NH 03303.

Combination, Off-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Tobacco License #3382047 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:18/RSA 178:19-a.

Cited for violation of RSA 126-K:4, I – sold tobacco products to a person under the age of twenty-one during a compliance check.

Date of violation: 09/23/2024.

Case #: 24-788-OF.

An administrative fine of \$100 and one (1) point shall be assessed to and remain on the liquor license for three (3) years commencing the date of adjudication.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

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

a. VFW Post 1088, 93 Route 125, Kingston, NH 03848.

Cocktail Lounge- Veterans Club License #394839 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(h).

Cited for violation of RSA 179:55 – failed to notify Commission of change in corporate officers within thirty (30) days.

Date of violation: 09/25/2024.

Case #: 24-812-OF.

Warning.

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

6. LICENSE APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL:

a. Ackley Brands LTD, 3663 SW Dilley Road, Forest Grove, OR 97116.

To be issued Liquor & Wine Vendor License #150245 pursuant to RSA 178:9. 30-Day Temporary License issued 10/18/2024.

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

b. Ave Maria LLC DBA Royal Spice, 199 N. Main Street, Troy, NH 03465.

To be issued On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor- Restaurant License #1704903 pursuant to RSA 178:21.

90-Day Temporary License issued 10/21/2024.

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

- c. Boys and Girls Club of Central and Northern NH at McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, 2 Institute Drive, Concord, NH 03301.
 - To be issued Cocktail Lounge-Special, One-Day, Voluntary Nonprofit Organizations License #699541 for 10/22/2024 between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 pm. pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(I).
 - DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION: THE MOTION PASSED.
- d. Crack'd Salem LLC, 237 South Broadway, Salem, NH 03079.
 - To be issued On-Premises, Beverage & Wine- Restaurant License #1642803 pursuant to RSA 178:20. 30-Day Temporary License issued 10/16/2024.
 - DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.
- e. Greater Claremont Chamber of Commerce
 - at Arrowhead Recreation Area, 18 Robert Easter Way, Claremont, NH 03743.
 - To be issued Cocktail Lounge-Special, One-Day, Voluntary Nonprofit Organizations License #701341 for 10/18/2024 between 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 pm., 10/19/2024 between 12:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. and 10/20/2024 between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 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.
- f. John Hay Estate at the Fells, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH 03255.
 - To be issued Cocktail Lounge-Special, One-Day, Voluntary Nonprofit Organizations License #701141 for 11/01/2024 between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 pm. pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(I).
 - DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.
- g. Lithermans Brewing Co LLC DBA Lithermans Limited Brewing Co, 126B Hall Street, Concord, NH 03301.
 To be issued Beverage Manufacturer License #304218 pursuant to RSA 178:12.
 30-Day Temporary License issued 10/16/2024.
 - DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.
- h. Long Blue Cat Brewing Co at Little Red Hen Farm, 85 Norris Road, Pittsfield, NH 03263. To be issued Beer Festival License #4026314 for 10/19/2024 between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:30.
 - DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.
- Mi Jalisco Mexican Grill and Cantina, 300 South Willow Street, Manchester, NH 03103.
 To be issued On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor- Restaurant License #1702703 pursuant to RSA 178:21.
 - 90-Day Temporary License issued 10/22/2024.
 - DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.
- j. Mill City Park at Franklin Falls, 11 Willow Street, Franklin, NH 03235.

 To be issued Cocktail Lounge-Special, One-Day, Voluntary Nonprofit Organizations License #701441 for 10/25/2024 and 10/26/2024 between 5:00 p.m. and 9:30 pm. pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(I).
 - DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.
- k. Tamworth LLC DBA Quick Mart, 1515 White Mountain Highway, Tamworth, NH 03886.
 To be issued Combination, Off-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Tobacco License #3442247 pursuant to RSA 178:18/RSA 178:19-a.
 - 30-Day Temporary License issued 10/22/2024.
 - DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.
- I. Worker Bee Fund at 553 Mast Road, Goffstown, NH 03045.
 - To be issued Cocktail Lounge-Special, One-Day, Voluntary Nonprofit Organizations License #700041 for 10/19/2024 between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 pm. pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(I).
 - DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

7. LICENSE APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

8. DIRECT SHIPPER APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL:

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE DIRECT SHIPPER PERMITS ENDING OCTOBER 21, 2024: 1,331.

Realerevival Brewing LLC DBA RAR Brewing, 504 Poplar Street, Cambridge, MD 21613
 To be issued Direct Shipper Beverage Manufacturer Permit pursuant to RSA 178:27.

 (Beverage Manufacturer)

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

10. NOTIFICATION OF APPROVED PETITIONS:

a. Cathedral Ledge Distillery Inc., 3340 White Mountain Highway, North Conway, NH 03860.
Liquor Manufacturer License #289219 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:6.
Requested approval for authorization of other area for retail sales and tastings at farmers' market, to wit, Danbury Winter Market at Blazing Star Grange #71, 15 N Road, Danbury, NH 03230 on Saturdays from 11/02/2024-05/03/2025 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:24/RSA 179:44, II-a.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

- b. Cathedral Ledge Distillery Inc., 3340 White Mountain Highway, North Conway, NH 03860.
 Liquor Manufacturer License #289219 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:6.
 Requested approval for authorization of other area for retail sales and tastings at farmers' market, to wit, Tamworth Farmer's Market, 84 Main Street, Tamworth, NH 03886 on Saturdays from 11/02/2024-03/29/2025 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:24/RSA 179:44, II-a.
 COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.
- c. Cathedral Ledge Distillery Inc., 3340 White Mountain Highway, North Conway, NH 03860. Liquor Manufacturer License #289219 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:6. Requested approval for authorization of other area for retail sales and tastings at farmers' market, to wit, Tamworth Farmer's Market, 30 Tamworth Road, Tamworth, NH 03886 on Saturdays from 11/02/2024-03/29/2025 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:24/RSA 179:44, II-a. COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.
- d. Grindstone Foods LLC DBA Maeves Mobile Cocktail Hour, 150 Lafayette Road, Rye, NH 03870.
 Cocktail Lounge- Caterer, Off-Site License #1300134 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(e).
 Requested to transfer alcohol, to wit, to transfer alcohol from 136 McDonough Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801 to a new storage location at 150 Lafayette Road, Rye, NH 03870 pursuant to RSA 178:29, VIII.
 COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.
- e. Mi Corazon Mexican Grill LLC, 4 Slip Road, Greenfield, NH 03047.
 On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor- Restaurant License #1670403 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:21.
 Requested approval for a permanent extension of service, to wit, for an outside area with the capacity of 50 pursuant to RSA 178:24/Liq. 404.05.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

f. Northwoods Brewing Co, 1334 1st New Hampshire Turnpike, Northwood, NH 03261. Beverage Manufacturer License #294618 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:12. Requested approval for a temporary extension of service, to wit, for an outside area with the capacity of 91 for 10/20/2024 between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:24/Liq. 404.05. COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED. g. Prodigal Brewing LLC DBA The Prodigal Brewing Company, 9 Auburndale Lane, Auburn, NH 03032. Nano Brewery, Beer and/or Specialty Beer License #209722 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:12-a. Requested approval for authorization of other area for retail sales at farmers' market, to wit, Downtown Concord Winter Farmer's Market, 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03302 on Saturdays from 11/02/2024-04/27/2025 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:24/RSA 179:44, II-a.

11. PETITIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

None

12. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL

a. Citizen Cider LLC, 316 Pine Street, Suite 114, Burlington, VT 05401.
 Beverage Vendor License #79231 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:15.
 Requests approval of cider, Juicy Haze with an alcohol content of 8% at 60 degrees Fahrenheit by volume pursuant to RSA 175:1, VIII.
 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA

SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

Deschutes Brewery Inc. 901 SW Simpson Avenue, Bend, OR 97701

- b. Deschutes Brewery Inc, 901 SW Simpson Avenue, Bend, OR 97701
 Beverage Vendor License #134931 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:15.

 Requests approval of specialty beer, BLACK BUTTE3 with an alcohol content of 13.60% at 60 degrees Fahrenheit by volume pursuant to RSA 175:1, LXIV-a.
 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.
- c. Molson Coors Beverage Company USA LLC, 320 S. Canal Street, Suite 3600, Chicago, IL 60606. Beverage Vendor License #45431 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:15. Requests approval of Simply Spiked Bold Signature Lemonade and Simply Spiked Bold Cherry Limeade each with an alcohol content of 8% at 60 degrees Fahrenheit by volume pursuant to RSA 175:1, VIII. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.
- d. Twelve Percent Abomination Brewing Co, 341 State Street, North Haven, CT 06473. Beverage Vendor License #99631 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:15. Requests approval of specialty beer, SANTA'S BLACK BLOOD with an alcohol content of 13.30% at 60 degrees Fahrenheit by volume pursuant to RSA 175:1 LXIV-a. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED TO APPROVE THIS ITEM; CHAIRMAN MOLLICA SECONDED THE MOTION; THE MOTION PASSED.

13. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

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

a. Gorham, NH.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

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

None

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

- a. Hollis, NH;
- b. Laconia, NH;
- c. Manchester, NH;
- d. Newington, NH;
- e. New London, NH;
- f. Newton, NH;
- g. North Haverhill, NH;
- h. Northwood, NH:
- i. Nottingham, NH;
- j. Rochester, NH;
- k. Stratham, NH; and
- I. West Nottingham, NH.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

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

None

18. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING DECISION PENDING:

Hearing held on September 17, 2024:

a. 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.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

Hearings held on October 22, 2024:

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 Liq. 601.06- violation a Commission Order, which went into effect on April 30th, 2024, that stated the licensee shall not allow new patrons into the licensed establishment after 12:00 a.m., by allowing new patrons to enter the licensed premise at 12:45 a.m.

Cited for Liq. 601.06- violation a Commission Order, which went into effect on April 30th, 2024, that stated the licensee shall not serve alcohol past 12:00 a.m. and all consumption must cease by 12:30 a.m., by serving and allowing a patron to consume liquor at 12:45 a.m. in the licensed premise.

Cited for Liq. 601.06-violation of a Commission Order, which went into effect on April 30, 2024- failed to complete a mandatory Management Training Seminar (MTS) online within 30 days of the fully signed agreement.

Cited for violation of RSA 179:17 – allowed the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverage on the premises after expiration of the serving hour.

Date of violation: 06/01/2024 & 06/08/2024.

Case #: 24-490-OF.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

Chrislou LLC DBA Nashua House of Pizza, 40 East Hollis Street, Nashua, NH 03060.
 On-Premises, Beverage & Wine- Restaurant License #1492503 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: 06/30/2024.

Case #: 24-611-OF.

COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.

d. Fancy Bar & Grill LLC (The), 264 Lakeside Avenue, Laconia, NH 03246. Applied for Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor License #1689703 pursuant to RSA 178:21.

On June 27, 2024, a recommendation for denial was approved based on a finding referenced in "Merits Order Alexander", docket # 2024-Liq-0055 concerning Tower Hill Tavern, License #1369903, which was revoked on June 20, 2024.

On July 29. 2024, the Licensee filed a Motion for Hearing after denial of the liquor license application. **COMMISSION ACKNOWLEDGED.**

19. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING DECISIONS</u>:

None

20. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

None