MINUTES OF THE NHLC DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT & LICENSING MEETING FOR OCTOBER 31, 2024

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

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING HELD OCTOBER 24, 2024. CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACCEPTED THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2024.

2. TABLED ITEMS:

None

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

November 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.:

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. The Licensee requested that the hearing be reopened to provide additional information.

4. NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION PER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT:

None

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

 a. RCY Associates Inc. DBA Old Courthouse (The), 30 Main Street, Newport, NH 03773. On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor- Restaurant License #1253103 licensed 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: 08/31/2024. Case #: 24-809-OF. Warning. CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

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

- a. Blue Bear Hospitality DBA Blue Bear Inn, 534 Mountain Road, Francestown, NH 03043. To be issued On-Premises Beverage and Liguor-Hotel License #378902 pursuant to RSA 178:21, II(b)(1). 90-Day Temporary License issued 10/24/2024. CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM. Govind Corp DBA Plaistow Quick Mart, 18 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, NH 03865. b. To be issued Combination, Off-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Tobacco License #3442147 pursuant to RSA 178:18/RSA 178:19-a. 30-Day Temporary License issued 10/25/2024. CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM. Howling Wolf Management Group LLC DBA Howling Wolf Tagueria, c. 40 Pleasant Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801. To be issued On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liguor- Restaurant License #1701503 pursuant to RSA 178:21. 90-Day Temporary License issued 10/28/2024. CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.
- d. John Hay Estate at the Fells, 456 Route 103A, Newbury, NH 03255.
 To be issued Cocktail Lounge-Special, One-Day, Voluntary Nonprofit Organizations License #701041 for 11/06/2024 between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 pm. pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(I).
 CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.
- e. MN Taste Service LLC DBA Dynamite Sushi, 30 Lowell Road, Suite 16, Hudson, NH 03051. To be issued On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor- Restaurant License #1703503 pursuant to RSA 178:21.

90-Day Temporary License issued 10/25/2024. CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

- f. Tenney Resort & Recreation LLC, 151 Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth, NH 03264. To be issued Beer Festival License #4025814 for 10/26/2024 between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:30. CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.
- g. Vape Vibes LLC, 23 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, NH 03865. To be issued Combination, Off-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Tobacco License #3443047 pursuant to RSA 178:18/RSA 178:19-a. 30-Day Temporary License issued 10/25/2024. CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.
- h. Varahi LLC DBA Ossipee Smoke World, 870 NH-16 Unit B, Ossipee, NH 03864. To be issued Retail Tobacco License #171117 pursuant to RSA 178:19-a.
 30-Day Temporary License issued 10/28/2024.
 CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.
- 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 OCTOBER 29, 2024: 1,332.

None

9. DIRECT SHIPPER APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

10. NOTIFICATION OF APPROVED PETITIONS:

a. Tamworth Distilling, 85 Main Street, Tamworth, NH 03886. Liquor Manufacturer License #289519 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:6. Requested approval for authorization of other area for retail sales and tastings at farmers' market, to wit, Downtown Concord Winter Farmer's Market, 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03301 on Saturdays from 11/02/2024-04/26/2025 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:24/RSA 179:44, II-a.
CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.
b. University Of New Hampshire at Parsons Hall SW Lobby/Lounge, 23 Academic Way, Durham, NH 03824. Cocktail Lounge- Caterer, Off-Site License #215634 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(e). Requested approval for a permanent site, to wit, University Of New Hampshire at Parsons Hall SW Lobby/Lounge, 23 Academic Way, Durham, NH 03824.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

c. Zhong's Restaurant LLC, 559 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, NH 03054. Cocktail Lounge-Full-Service Restaurant License #1489503 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(q). Requested to transfer business location, to wit, to transfer the business location from 559 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, NH 03054 to 583 Daniel Webster Highway, Unit 3, Merrimack, NH 03054 pursuant to RSA 178:29, VIII.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

11. <u>PETITIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL</u>:

None

12. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL

- Beak & Skiff Apple Farms Inc, 4472 Cherry Valley Turnpike, Lafayette, NY 13084.
 Beverage Vendor License #136331 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:15.
 Requests approval of cider, 1911 Haunted Hayride with an alcohol content of 6.90% at 60 degrees Fahrenheit by volume pursuant to RSA 175:1, VIII.
 CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.
- Krebs Brewing Co, 125 S. Main Street #220, McAlester, OK 74501.
 Beverage Vendor License #89331 licensed pursuant to RSA 178:15.
 Requests approval of specialty beer, Prairie Artisan Ales Barrel Aged Christmas Bomb with an alcohol content of 13% 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. Bedford, NH; and
- b. Gorham, NH.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

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

None

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

- a. Albany, NH;
- b. Center Conway, NH;
- c. Center Ossipee, NH;
- d. Center Sandwich, NH;
- e. Center Tuftonboro, NH;
- f. Conway, NH;
- g. Concord, NH;
- h. East Wakefield, NH;
- i. Eaton Center, NH;
- j. Freedom, NH;
- k. Glen, NH;
- I. Intervale, NH;
- m. Jackson, NH;
- n. Manchester, NH;
- o. Meredith, NH;
- p. Mirror Lake, NH;
- q. Moultonborough, NH;
- r. Nashua, NH;
- s. New Hampton, NH;
- t. Newport, NH;
- u. North Conway, NH;
- v. Ossipee, NH;
- w. Sanbornville, NH;
- x. Tamworth, NH;
- y. Tilton, NH; and
- z. Wakefield, NH.
 - CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

17. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ON TOBACCO COMPLIANCE CHECKS RECOMMENDED FOR</u> <u>COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>:

None

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

Hearings held on October 22, 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 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.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

b. 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.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

c. 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. CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

19. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING DECISIONS:

None

20. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

None