



**CITY OF QUINCY**  
**BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**  
**AGENDA-OCTOBER 20, 2015 @ 4:00 PM**

**TO BE HELD AT**

**CODDINGTON HALL**  
**34 CODDINGTON STREET**

**Roll Call:**

**Present: Andrew Scheele, Joseph Jackson, Joseph Duca, Paul Keenan, Peter Turowski, Leo Coppens.**

**Agenda 1.** Hearing regarding the request of New Country Inn, LLC, for a Lodging House License @ 210 Arlington St. Ms. Julia Wong. Ms. Wong and Attorney Jack Milgram, present. Ms. Wong and Attorney Jack Milgram, present. This was a home owned by Actress Ruth Gordon, then a nursing home, then the 12 Step Program, a sober house. As a sober house it was licensed through the State of Massachusetts. Ms. Wong is not opening a sober house. Attorney Milgram noted it will not be a sober house, it is a 24 bed lodging house. Chairman Shea noted a difference in licensing, in Quincy you will need rooms not beds. They would agree not to put more than one person in a room. Chairman Shea opened the application for comments:

Brian Mahoney, 31 Elmwood Ave, Concerned with traffic/parking. There are only 6 parking spaces, trash is a problem, on site manager, 20 people are too many. Many area residents who could not attend today are also concerned.

Barry Welch, 165 Arlington St. also concerned with what will be going on, in many cases the sober house/halfway house could be better than a rooming house, 6 numbered parking spaces, one for each is in section 5 general regulations. This also backs up to another boarding house, with parking a problem. He asks that the application be tabled until more inspections and answers to questions are resolved. There wasn't a community meeting for the neighborhood. Also, he is concerned and asks that a notation be added that a rooming house be given only the number of parking spaces to agree with the number of rooms. Chairman Shea read information from the file regarding inspections, all inspections were complete for a Sober House. Commissioner Duca, agreed this was a 14 room nursing home, then a Sober House, licensed through the state. It has some zoning issues with parking, a rooming house today requires one space per tenant. Atty. Milgram stated his client stated there are 20 rooms, however based on what has been said he asked if it has ever been changed, as far as rooms/parking. Chairman Shea noted the federal exemption states you cannot limit the number of people, the nursing home was for 14 beds, 6 or 7 parking spaces would have been accepted.

We don't know if there are 20 rooms/beds.

We need a floor plan. There is no more exemption, if it is now a lodging house. There are concerns with parking. Commissioner Scheele would like to visit the house before granting. Attorney Milgram understands there are issues and would agree to return November 10. **Motion:** Continue until November 10, 2015, **Action:** Postpone, **Moved by** ANDREW SCHEELE, **Seconded by** JOSEPH DUCA.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda 2.**Continued hearing regarding the request of Tokenfire, LLC, d/b/a The Quill, Noel O'Connor, Manager, for transfer of the CV All Alcohol Restaurant & Cabaret License issued to Home Ice Sports Bar, LLC, 35 Washington St. Attorney Jon Aieta. Attorney Aieta, Manager Noel O'Connor, Co-owner Devin Adams, present .

Mr. O'Connor & Mr. Adams are the owners of the Townshend Restaurant @ 1250 Hancock St. They plan to rehab 35 Washington Street into a successful, quality restaurant. They plan to change the image to a safe fun environment. Chairman Shea noted the paperwork to be in order, with changes to be made and new plans will be submitted to both Fire & Building Departments.

They estimate 2-3 months of renovations needed before an opening. Anything approved today will be subject to final inspections by Fire & Building Departments. Chairman Shea noted the history of 35 Washington Street to be an alcohol establishment from the 1940s, adding this is a positive move. Chief Keenan noted he has been working with the Norfolk DA regarding the violation at Home Ice

**Motion:** Pending department approvals. , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** ANDREW SCHEELE, **Seconded by** PAUL KEENAN .

Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Cabaret License. , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** ANDREW SCHEELE, Transfer of the Cabaret License. **Seconded by** PAUL KEENAN .

Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda 3.** Hearing regarding Saturday, September 12, 2015 violation of Mass. General Law Chapter 138, Section 34, Unlawful sale or delivery of alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age. @ Kam Man Market, 219 Quincy Ave., reported by Lt. Peter Turowski, Liquor Inspector. Lt. Turowski read his report into the record. Assistant Manager Mr. Ong, present. He agreed it was a mistake, a wrong mistake by the cashier, who claimed she had a busy day and was tired. Chief Keenan asked if the people there that night were TIPS trained, it sounds like she was unaware of the process. Commissioner Scheele asked how many cashiers there are, there are 8. He suggested they take a TIPS course with Lt. Turowski. **Motion:** Placed On file for one year, if there is another violation this the violation will be added.

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** PAUL KEENAN , **Seconded by** JOSEPH DUCA.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda 4.** Hearing regarding September 12, 2015 violation of Mass. General Law Chapter 138, Section 34, Unlawful sale or delivery of alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age, and violation of the City of Quincy Rules & Regulations which states " No Bartender, waitress, manager, owner or other employee who in the course of his/her duties serves to the public shall drink alcoholic beverages or become intoxicated while on duty." @ Brewers Corner Liquors, 372 Granite St., reported by Lt. Peter Turowski, Liquor Inspector. The report was read by Lt. Turowski. David Devoy present, He does not agree he was drunk, he can't remember drinking that day, he knew his employee broke the "Golden Rule" serving to minors. Chairman Shea is concerned with an intoxicated person in control of the store. There is an application for transfer on file for November. Chief Keenan asked if he was drinking that day. Devoy stated he wasn't, adding " I just screwed up". Commissioner Scheele noted the transfer will be a good. **Motion:** Verbal warning in the file. , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** PAUL KEENAN , **Seconded by** ANDREW SCHEELE.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda 5.** Hearing regarding Saturday, September 12, 2015 violation of Mass. General Law Chapter 138, Section 34, Unlawful sale or delivery of alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age. @ Hancock Tobacco, 1500 Hancock Street, reported by Lt. Peter Turowski, Liquor Inspector. Lt. Turowski read his report. Present Attorney Aieta and Mr. Patel, owner. His client agrees with the report and stated all staff will be TIPs trained, this should not have happened. Chief Keenan agrees TIPs training should be part of the establishments rules. They have been there since 2001, he also owned Hancock Liquors. **Motion:** Written warning placed on file for one year. , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** PAUL KEENAN , **Seconded by** ANDREW SCHEELE.  
Motion passed unanimously.

The ABCC notified the Board today that the Boards vote was upheld regarding the appeal of 7-Eleven, 678 Adams Street.

Yaz's Place will be heard the first of the year at the ABCC.

The Board accepted the minutes of the previous hearing and waived the reading.

The hearing adjourned at 5:20 PM

**Any items discussed but not listed on the agenda are items not reasonably anticipated as a topic by the chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting.**