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**ALCOHOL SUBCOMMITTEE  
Board of Selectmen  
MINUTES  
March 5, 2021 9:00 a.m.  
Cisco WebEx Conference Meeting  
X-Golf and Common Craft**

Present: Chairman Joseph Morandi, Selectman Robert Hogan, John Danizio, Acting Town Administrator, Attorney Mark Vaughan, Riemer & Braunstein; John Benjamin, X-Golf; Larry Leibowitz, Common Craft; Melissa Cushing, Riemer & Braunstein

**X-GOLF** (1st subcommittee meeting was 1/4/21)

Attorney Vaughan explained that this indoor automated golf concept has been very successful in other locations, including Wayland. Lessons can be made available. This would be the second in Massachusetts. They expect there will be date night or friends getting together, but mostly it is a family and entertainment venue

The current floor plan with layout was viewed showing approximately 55 seats and additional will be available in the simulator areas. There will be a cafe dining (bar) in the center and seven golf simulator sections.

The location is unable to accommodate the required 120 seats for an alcohol license and the applicant is seeking flexibility. It was discussed that the board is interested in inviting new and different types of family entertainment and that perhaps this experiential entertainment venue could be of value to the town as something beyond that of a restaurant.

Selectman Hogan asked how the staff would control the clientele and he was told that reservations are made in advance and the X-Gold would be apprised at the time of the reservation how many would be arriving for the reservation.

The subcommittee asked if people come to the location just to watch, and they were told that some people do just watch, but in his experience it is not common. They typically come to play golf, eat and leave. The only time there may be a group would be near a simulator location when one is leaving and another arriving.

The Selectmen asked if alcohol would be allowed in the simulation area. The applicant said there would and there may be one or two wait staff bringing in food that is ordered with the alcohol.

Selectmen Hogan said he would recommend that staff would ensure that everyone was in a seat while being served food and alcohol and not be congesting and walking to various areas with alcohol.

Selectman Hogan asked how staff would handle high school students who come in to play golf, and Attorney Vaughan said all staff will be TIPs certified and trained to handle such events. They expect there will be instances where a coach will arrange to have the students come in. There is also a room that can be reserved and closed off.

Chairman Morandi reminded the applicant that it is required that food be ordered when a drink is ordered.

Attorney Vaughan explained that there would be food service available at every seat with a waiter bringing food and beverages to all of the areas.

Chairman Morandi said the board would be reviewing their alcohol rules and regulations and discussing lowering the required number of seats to obtain licenses.

Selectman Hogan asked if they would have identifying cups for the alcohol, and the applicant said they are open to these types of recommendations.

The alcohol license being used is one that was returned to the town in January of this year by another licensee.

Chairman Morandi and Selectman Hogan were satisfied and recommended the application go before the full board for review after they receive their Special Permit from the Planning Board.

**COMMON CRAFT** (1st subcommittee meeting was 6/8/2020 )

Common Craft will be applying for a Section 12 all alcohol license for a restaurant. This was a follow up to the subcommittee meeting held June 8, 2020. They still plan to have three different rooms with themes for breweries. At this location people will not be walking around, as it is a restaurant first and foremost. They will also be applying separately for a package store, Section 15, license to sell closed containers of the brews that are served in the restaurant.

Selectman Hogan commented on the ABCC Advisory that requires 50% of sales at each of the Section 12 and Section 15 locations. Attorney Vaughan explained there would be a separate licensing agent. Attorney Vaughan said he would provide confirmation from the ABCC in order to alleviate any concerns.

Selectman Hogan asked about the restroom for the Section 15 location, and Attorney Vaughan said this has been discussed and will be presented in their plan. Mr. Liebowitz said it would be structurally built, not a kiosk, and all state codes will be followed.

Submitted by,



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