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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES - ALCOHOL SUBCOMMITTEE
Town Hall and Virtual
BURLINGTON, MA**

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Present: Select Board Alcohol Subcommittee Members Bob Hogan and Joe Morandi; John Danizio, Town Accountant; Melisa Tintocalis, Economic Development Director

Discussion: Rosa Mexicano Application Re: Request to transfer all alcohol license from Besito

Present representing Rosa Mexicano was Attorney Mark Vaughan and the proposed manager, Gregory Sherman, Vice President of Operations. The Alcohol Subcommittee reviewed the shared screen of two slides; one with the depiction of the outside of Rosa Mexicano and the other with the seating.

Main Dining Booths	100
High Top Dining	31
Outdoor	<u>36</u>
Total	167

Attorney Vaughan explained that this is a highly regarded restaurant with one location in the Boston Seaport. The Burlington restaurant will be situated in the same location as the former Besito's.

Mr. Sherman said this establishment has been in existence since 1984 and they hope to open the Burlington restaurant in February of 2022.. Their menu includes a hand selected cocktail menu. He said that access to the patio will only be from the interior of the restaurant, and it will have retractable fencing. Member Hogan said he was satisfied with the safety of the seating.

Member Morandi asked which license they will be requesting and Attorney Vaughan said the restaurant will be in the same space as the former Besito, and they will be seeking to transfer the Besito license at a public hearing at the Board's October 25, 2021 meeting. The previous request for transfer, he said, was for a restaurant in a different location in the mall. Members Morandi and Hogan were satisfied with the concept of the restaurant, but agreed that it was not a good idea for the town to use the last general license at the mall because they have many special licenses available to use first. Their views from previous discussions had not changed and that the Besito license should not be requested for transfer until there are no special licenses available.

Attorney Vaughan reviewed the special licenses that have already been issued, and the mall continues to feel that all the licenses are important for the growth of the mall. It is his understanding, he said, that the Board did not approve taking the license and moving it into another space as opposed to the license staying at the former Besito location.

Member Morandi recommended getting an opinion from Town Counsel as to the matter of it being site specific.

Beer Garden

Melisa Tintocalis, Economic Development Director, was present with Christine Healy of Craft'd Company. Mike Espejo was present as liaison to the Planning Board. He said he is looking forward to this pilot program being created to energize the town center.

Craft'd Company produces craft beer events and provide marketing and event services to craft breweries for beer gardens and festivals. Ms. Tintocalis said she is working in conjunction with Murray Hills to request approval for a one-day open-house type of event for a beer garden at a pocket park location in the town center next to Sweet Ginger. It is hoped that the event and park will bring awareness to the businesses. The area will be painted and artificial turf placed for people to sit and visit on a regular basis in the pocket park. The area with alcohol on the one-day event will be cordoned off with stantions and wrist bands required to purchase alcohol. The alcohol will be required to remain within the roped off area.

They will be before the full board on October 9, 2021 for the open house on October 23, 2021 from 12 to 6 pm. The town is working with Ms. Healy as she is familiar with the safety, security and other aspects of a beer garden. Approval has been received from the property owner to temporarily close the area from vehicles coming from behind the building properties.

The members recommended taking a tour of the site before the meeting.

The businesses seem interested and a map will be created to identify parking.

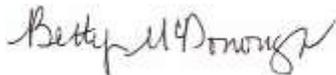
Ms. Tintocalis will be reaching out to the Police Department for their recommendations.

Other

No other business discussed.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Submitted by,



Betty McDonough
Recording Secretary