

**Southbridge Liquor Licensing Board**  
**Minutes of August 26, 2021**

**Agenda Item #1** – Open meeting/Roll Call – Chairman Bruce Newlands called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Bruce Newlands, Vice Chair Chad Splaine and Member Mike Daniels. Also present were Attorney Chung Lee, Mei Fang Zheng and John representing Hardwick Winery. Liquor Agent Sgt. Ryan Roettger was excused.

**Agenda Item #2** – Chairman’s Announcements – none.

**Agenda Item #3** – Accept the minutes of July 29, 2021.

- Member Mike Daniels made a motion to accept to the minutes. Vice Chair Chad Splaine seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Agenda Item #4** – Citizens Forum – none present.

**Agenda Item #5** – Liquor Agent updates – Sgt. Roettger was excused.

**Agenda Item #6** – Licenses to be signed

- SL-07 - LaSalle Reception Center – All Alcohol – Anniversary Party September 18, 2021. Chair Bruce Newlands made the motion to approve, Vice Chair Chad Splaine seconded the motion. All in favor.
- SL-08 - La Salle Reception Center – All Alcohol – Fundraiser for Haiti September 25, 2021. Member Mike Daniels made the motion to approve, Vice Chair Chad Splaine seconded the motion. All in favor.
- SL-09 - Ruth Wells Center for the Arts – Beer and Wine – Autumn Fest September 18, 2021. Vice Chair Chad Splaine made the motion to approve, Member Mike Daniels seconded the motion. All in favor.
- SL-10 – Rapsallion Brewery – Beer and Wine – Autumn Fest September 18, 2021. Vice Chair Chad Splaine made the motion to approve, Member Mike Daniels seconded the motion. All in favor.
- SL-11 – Hardwick Vineyards and Winery – Beer and Wine - Autumn Fest September 18, 2021. Vice Chair Chad Splaine made the motion to approve, Member Mike Daniels seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Agenda item #7** – Public Hearing – LZ & LD Food Service Corp., d/b/a Dynasty Chinese Restaurant. Application for new wine and malt restaurant license.

- LZ & LD purchasing Dynasty Chinese Restaurant from Hsiu-Hua Chen – Chen’s Dynasty, inc. Mr. Chen is retiring.
- The current liquor license is not transferrable. New license will be for Wine and Malt.
- Mr. Chung Lee stated the restaurant will continue operation with little to no change (with the exception of some menu items), including hours, staff.
- The new owner - Mei Fang Zheng - has 5 years’ experience in the restaurant industry.

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- The transfer of ownership will be “turn key”.
- Town Managers office is waiting for a check from new owners for \$73.50 for Stonebridge Press notification publication.
- Time frame of restaurant opening under the new owners will depend on a number of factors, including dealing with the Board of Health.
- Member Mike Daniels made a motion to approve the application for the new wine and malt license, Vice Chair Chad Splaine seconded. All in favor.

**Agenda item #8** – Discussion regarding an addition to the Southbridge Liquor Licensing Board Regulations, in relation to the responsibility of fees for publication of a public hearing in the case of a violation hearing, as to who is found responsible. The following “all capitals/quotations” notation is the suggested added verbiage.

- 1.14a – Licensees in violation of the applicable laws of the Commonwealth, regulations of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission and/or these regulations “SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALL REASONABLE DIRECT COSTS AND” may be subject to the following range of discipline....
- Member Mike Daniels made a motion to approve, Vice Chair Chad Splaine seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Agenda item #9** – Board Member Discussion

- Question regarding which bars/restaurants are in the process of reopening after the COVID shut down.
  - It was decided to send letters to **all** bars and restaurants requiring them to submit (in writing) a status of their business – if they will be re-opening, when they will open, etc. Owners will be required to provide a response of “non operation/non notification” by Thursday, September 30, 2021.
  - A copy of the current “Liquor Board Regulations” should be sent with the “status” letters, refreshing owners knowledge of regulations – for example - “owners are required to notify Liquor Board – in writing - of any changes in business hours, closings (including vacation), etc.”.
  - Failure to submit (in writing) the status of their business to the Liquor Board by 9/30/21 will put the business on the October Liquor Board Agenda, which could lead to License revocation. The business owners have had since May of 2021 to inform the Liquor Board of their intentions.

**Agenda Item #10** – Discussion of next meeting date

- The September Liquor Board meeting will be held September 23 at 1:00 p.m.

**Agenda Item #11** - Adjournment

- Member Mike Daniels motioned to adjourn the meeting Vice Chair Chad Splaine seconded. All in Favor.

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- Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gayle Raducha  
Recording Clerk