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BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY
March 26, 2024
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY ROOM
SECOND FLOOR, POLICE HEADQUARTERS

MINUTES

At 6:18 p.m. the Board opened its session for Tuesday, March 26, 2024. Present were Colonel Brad Connor, Vice Chairman Mike Gilbert, Clerk Jim Paolucci, Assistant Solicitor Kerry Rafanelli, and Recording Secretary Lisa Ferolito. Absent tonight was Chairman Charlie Benson.

1. Call to Order – Board Chairperson
2. Roll Call – Board Clerk (See above)

FIRE DEPARTMENT
REGULAR SESSION

1. The fire session minutes of the Board of Public Safety meeting held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 to be submitted for approval.

ACTION: Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

2. Chief Peter McMichael to recommend appointments, promotions, transfers and reassignments; names to be submitted and discussed at the meeting.

ACTION: There was no action taken, as there were none to discuss this evening.

3. Chief Peter McMichael to recommend retirements and resignations; names to be submitted and discussed at the meeting.

ACTION: There was no action taken, as there were none to discuss this evening.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The Board of Public Safety may convene into Closed / Executive Session to discuss, take possible action, and/or vote pursuant to the relevant requirements of R.I. General Laws § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (1) matters of personnel - job performance, character, or physical or mental health, regarding: Louis Gallo, application for disability retirement pension benefits. Discussion and/or Potential action, announcement and/or vote(s) from Executive Session and/or Open Session concerning Louis Gallo, application for disability retirement pension benefits.

ACTION: There was no action taken, as this hearing was canceled before the meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT
REGULAR SESSION

Board Business Police Department - Review, Discussion and/or Potential Action
and/or Vote:

1. The police session minutes of the Board of Public Safety meeting held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 to be submitted for approval.

ACTION: Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve. Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

2. Colonel Bradford Connor to recommend appointments, promotions, transfers and reassignments; names to be submitted and discussed at the meeting.

Effective Monday, March 18, 2024, the following transfer took place:

Officer Richard P. Odell from the Second Platoon, Community Services Division/Traffic Unit to the First Platoon, Community Services Division/Traffic Unit

Effective Monday, March 25, 2024, the following promotion will take place:

Promoted to the rank of Sergeant: Officer Thomas Duncan

Effective Monday, March 25, 2024, the following transfer will take place:

Sergeant Nelson Carreiro from the Third Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division to the First Platoon, Prosecution Division/RITT/Municipal.

Effective Monday, April 1, 2024, the following assignment will take place:

Sergeant Thomas J. Duncan assigned to the Third Platoon, Uniform Patrol Division.

Effective Thursday, April 4, 2024, the following elevation in rank will take place:

Elevated to the rank of Second-Class Officer:

Officer Michael J. Rosa, II

Officer Cameron R. Schneck

ACTION: Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

3. Colonel Bradford Connor to recommend retirements and resignations; names to be submitted and discussed at the meeting.

ACTION: No action was necessary, as there were none to discuss this evening.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

All licenses are subject to receipt of all required paperwork, all State and Local permits, and compliance with all stipulations, rules and regulations as required by the Board of Public Safety.

1. Liquor License – Class BV (Transfer)

From: Brick’s Café
d/b/a Beach Café
805 Oakland Beach Avenue

To: Chefman, LLC
d/b/a Chef’s OBD - Oakland Beach Diner
805 Oakland Beach Avenue

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Is there someone here to speak?

Mr. Marc Needham: I’m here. Marc.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Colonel, just to be clear, there’s four items. Are you recommended approval on all four of those?

Colonel Connor: Yes, they are all approved pending different things. So, if you want to do the liquor first, then I can do the other ones.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Sure. Your name, sir?

Mr. Marc Needham: Marc Needham.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: What's the change, if any, as far as the business?

Mr. Needham: There's going to be no changes, except for a change of hands. It's still going to be a restaurant. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Serving food outside on the patio.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Currently a liquor license there? What is it for? Beer and wine?

Mr. Needham: No, it's full liquor.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: And are you changing anything as far in terms of hours of operation?

Mr. Needham: The hours will probably be 7:00 a.m. to roughly 11:00 to 12:00. That's about it.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: What time are they typically closed at now.

Mr. Needham: Right now he's on and off. I can't give you anything more direct on that.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Do you own any restaurants currently?

Mr. Needham: No, I don't.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Is this your first liquor license?

Mr. Needham: In Rhode Island, yes. I had one in New Jersey.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: How long did you have one down there?

Mr. Needham: Two and a half years. I sold it.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Jim, do you have any questions?

Clerk Paolucci: Have you hired employees yet?

Mr. Needham: Nope. I have not hired employees yet. Some of the employees that are there are going to stay.

Clerk Paolucci: Okay. They'll need to be Serve Safe certified.

Mr. Needham: Yup. I'm Serve Safe certified. I'm a proctor. I've been an executive chef for 33 years.

Clerk Paolucci: How many employees do you anticipate?

Mr. Needham: I anticipate three or four to start.

Clerk Paolucci: And the seating capacity inside and outside?

Mr. Needham: Inside on the main room, there's maybe 30. On the spare room is another 30. Outside is about 20, 25; depending on what tables I have out there.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So, do you plan on having all of your employees working for you all Serve Safe certified as well, or TIPS certified?

Mr. Needham: I'll be Serve Safe certified, but all of them will be TIPS certified, yes.

Clerk Paolucci: Do you have an actual bar in there, besides table seating?

Mr. Needham: Yes, the bar is where they'll eat dinner. I don't consider it a bar, bar. It's a counter top, but we do have a bar set up there.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Okay. Anything else?

Clerk Paolucci: No.

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending certificate of occupancy, state taxes and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve pending certificate of occupancy, state taxes, and Rhode Island Department of Health approval. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

2. Outside Seating

Chefman, LLC
d/b/a Chef's OBD – Oakland Beach Diner
805 Oakland Beach Avenue
March 1 – October 31, 2024

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending building. Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve pending building. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

3. Live Entertainment (Inside)

Marc Needham
Chef's OBD – Oakland Beach Diner
805 Oakland Beach Avenue
January – December, 2024
3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending building. Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve pending building. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

4. Live Entertainment (Outside)

Marc Needham
Chef's OBD – Oakland Beach Diner
805 Oakland Beach Avenue
January – December, 2024
3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending building and fire. Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve pending building and fire. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

5. Live Entertainment (Outside)

Daniel Cyr
Captains Resto Bar
50 Waterfront Drive
Friday, Saturday – 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sunday 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

6. Private Detective (Renewal)

Ivonne Rivas
Allied Universal Compliance & Invest.

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

7. Private Detective (Renewal)

Spencer Perruzzi
Allied Universal Compliance & Invest.

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

8. Private Detective (Renewal)

Christopher Biango-Daniels
Allied Universal Compliance & Invest.

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

9. Private Detective (New)

Kathryn Bergeron
Allied Universal Compliance & Invest.

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

10. Food Peddler (New)

Stephen Aulenbeck
Berry Sweets

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

11. Food Peddler (New)

Ryan Moran
Clover Hospitality
Alaina's Mobile

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

12. Massage Therapy (New)

Restorative Wellness, LLC
d/b/a Restorative Wellness
3296 Post Road

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending a certificate of occupancy. Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve pending a certificate of occupancy. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

13. Parade

Father Robert Marciano
Bishop Hendricken High School
Hunger Walk
March 28, 2024
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Starting at St. Kevin's
Ending at Hendricken

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

14. Parade

Michael Donnelly
St. Gregory the Great Church
Hunger Walk

March 29, 2024
11:00 a.m.
Starting & Ending at the Church

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

15. General Peddler (Fireworks) Keystone Novelties Distributor, LLC
d/b/a Keystone Novelties, LLC
5800 Post Road
June 21 – July 6, 2024

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending building and fire. Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve pending building and fire. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

16. General Peddler (Fireworks) Keystone Novelties Distributor, LLC
d/b/a Keystone Novelties, LLC
2677 West Shore Road
June 21 – July 6, 2024

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval pending building and fire. Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve pending building and fire. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

17. Peddler Badge Hannah Bardoussi
Trinity Solar

ACTION: Colonel Connor recommended approval. Vice Chairman made a motion to approve. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

18. Letter of information from Cory Santilli of Guerilla Sundae Pictures regarding his filming in the City. He will be filming on April 22 – 24, 2024 in the areas of Gaspee Point and Salter’s Grove. He has reached out to the State film office in order to obtain a permit to film.

ACTION: No action as necessary, as this was for informational purposes only.

19. Discussion with Mr. Muhammad Ali Saleem of Warwick Mobil, 1836 Warwick Avenue, regarding his operating without a license. He is lacking a copy of the market register permit issued by the Rhode Island Department of Health, and payment of city taxes. Action may be taken.

Colonel Connor: This process started March of 2023. A year ago. Mr. Saleem is here.

Mr. Adil Khan: I'm his brother. I'm his business partner. I was not really aware of this. I will take care of all of the whatever pending issues, the taxes, I will take care of it.

Colonel Connor: Where is he?

Mr. Khan: He's out of the country.

Colonel Connor: He's out of the country. How long has he been out?

Mr. Khan: He travels, comes and goes, comes and goes.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Are you the one that oversees the day to day running of the business?

Mr. Khan: I beg your pardon sir.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Are you the one that oversees the running of that business?

Mr. Khan: I do. I do.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: What's been the delay? Why has it taken almost a year?

Mr. Khan: I wasn't aware.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: When did you become aware of this?

Mr. Khan: Um, when I got the letter. But, I did pay the taxes about two months ago, in a similar building behind. I went there and paid the taxes. I will go back there and I will check whatever's pending. I will take care of it.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: How long do you think you would need to rectify the tax issue, as well as the; there's also a market register license that is required by the Department of Health, because you are selling pre-packaged foods, that's what the Board's been told.

Mr. Khan: When you say pre-packaged foods, it's basically a convenience store. Like chocolates, candies, yes we do that. But from that there's nothing. Whatever, however long you want to give me the grace period I would appreciate it.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: How long do you think you need?

Mr. Khan: Two weeks.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: When's our next meeting?

Recording Secretary Ferolito: April 9th.

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Vice Chairman Gilbert: Do you want to give him 30 days? The last meeting in April? What's the second --

Recording Secretary Ferolito [Interposing]: April 23rd, I believe it is.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So, the Board's going to give you a grace period til April 23rd to rectify the city tax as well as the Department of Health market register license.

Mr. Khan: That's ample time sir.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: That's plenty of time?

Mr. Khan: Yes.

ACTION: Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to table this item to the meeting on April 23, 2024. He must have all paperwork submitted by this meeting. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

20. Discussion with Mr. Matthew DeSarli of Tavern 12, 2299 Post Road, regarding a fight that occurred on Friday, February 9, 2024 which was not reported. Action may be taken.

Colonel Connor: Mr. Chair, item number 20; we have Mr. Matthew DeSarli here regarding a fight that occurred on February 9th of 2024. Our officers were drawn to that location the next day, after we had a walk in complaint for a subject that was; ultimately being the aggressor in the situation, but ended up hospitalized with several severe injuries. Officers reporting and investigating did indicate that they did meet with Mr. DeSarli. They were able to observe video footage of the altercation in the lot. It was clear that staff at Tavern 12 was there, present and witness to the incident. We did not receive a call, as required by the liquor license.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Are you Mr. DeSarli?

Mr. Matthew DeSarli: Yes sir.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Do you want to tell us what happened that night, or when you found out about it?

Mr. DeSarli: So yeah, when we found out about it the kid had a bloody nose. We really didn't know who hit him. Myself and the door man were speaking to him outside, just trying to get any answers from him. Apparently the guy who did hit him came outside and basically admitted to it. They said sorry to each other and then they hugged. Those were the only actions that made me not call you guys, as much as I know it's wrong regardless of it. I know that's what we're supposed to do. So I let what happened in real time effect my judgement. The kid who had the bloody nose was coherent. Again, they hugged and kissed. The kid who did punch him left. It was wrong no matter what. There's not excuse for it. But that was the only reason why I did not call.

Colonel Connor: Just for your own knowledge, the individual that was assaulted in the lot ended up at Rhode Island Hospital. They were trying to rule out a brain bleed, he had an orbital fracture, broken nose, broken ankle, torn ligaments. So I mean it was a significant assault.

Mr. DeSarli: And that's really the reason why, that was the lesson learned. The kid was completely coherent on the phone. At the time, I didn't know what type of fight it was. The kid just said someone hit him. What I saw the next day, looking at the footage, if I knew that happened I would have called 100 %, but the kid was walking around fine. He didn't show, and again, I'm not a doctor, so that's what lead me to not call. Clearly in the morning I was absolutely wrong. I apologized to the family and told them I should have done better for them, considering he did go to the hospital. So, I know I was wrong no matter what. It won't be an issue again. I just got caught up in the real time moment of them just hugging and calling it a day. But, again, at the end of the day, you guys should be called. That's my fault.

Clerk Paolucci: Were you there yourself that particular evening?

Mr. DeSarli: Excuse me?

Clerk Paolucci: Were you there?

Mr. DeSarli: I was there. I spoke to both of the kids. I saw it all, personally. As much as, again, that's what you want, but I thought it was over and done with. At that time no one, neither party said it was a multiple, because in the video it showed two or three maybe hitting this kid. I wasn't aware of that at the moment, so lack of information made me have poor judgement.

Clerk Paolucci: How many additional security did you have on that evening?

Mr. DeSarli: It was just one. I have one guy on the weekends just to card IDs and be there in case anything happens.

Clerk Paolucci: Was he outside at the time?

Mr. DeSarli: No, he didn't see the actual happening; he just saw the kid approach the back of the building; because the fight happened almost in the road in between us and National Velour. So it wasn't necessarily in our lot. It did happen in a really poor vantage point for anyone. So, it was just lack of information and seeing two people kinda say hey sorry and left. I didn't really call. Now I know, God forbid that kid woke up with any injuries like he did. I would have felt awful, and liable. So it's just best to call.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Were you aware by our city ordinance that you are required to call if there's a disturbance on your property, even to include the perimeter of the parking lot?

Mr. DeSarli: Yup.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Was it your understanding that because the subject didn't appear to be seriously injured, that would excuse you from making that notification real time, or at least going back and reviewing video to see what could happen then, as opposed to the day after? I'm just - -

Mr. DeSarli [Interposing]: I think I should just call no matter what. Obviously after that. What got me to not call was two people who had an issue. I mean on the video at the end they hugged it out and just left. The gentleman that did get hurt the worst, he called his girlfriend, his mom came. He was, you know. Either way, I know I'm wrong. I'm not trying to justify my actions. I just got caught up in the moment, again, two people; I didn't know all of the information of the fight. I just thought it might have been a punch. They said sorry and left. I'm not trying to excuse any of my behavior. I was wrong.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: It's not even a matter of whether or not, we, or even the police want the calls. It's that's what the city ordinance requires.

Mr. DeSarli: When I say you want I mean according to the city and the state requirements of a liquor license.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: How long have you owned Tavern 12?

Mr. DeSarli: Eleven years.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: And how many other similar violations have you ever been brought this Board on?

Mr. DeSarli: Maybe one, when I first bought it. It wasn't me. It was an acting manager at the time, who is no longer with us.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So, you've never been fined, you've never been warned, you've never been issued any citation?

Mr. DeSarli: I came before you guys before, but I've never been issued any fines or anything like that.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Are there any call history that you're aware of Colonel that you're aware of in the last twelve months?

Colonel Connor: No.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Any other questions, Jim?

Clerk Paolucci: I would recommend a fine, due to the severity of the - -

Vice Chairman Gilbert [Interposing]: I agree. I agree.

ACTION: Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to issue a \$100 fine and a written warning. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the Motion. Motion approved.

21. Discussion with Mr. Chris Frechette of the Grid Iron Ale House and Grille, 1599 Post Road, regarding a fight that took place on Sunday, March 17, 2024. Possible action taken.

Colonel Connor: It should be noted that staff did call 911. A check of the 911 records did indicate that a bartender called 911; reported that there were several fights going on, and then disconnected. We have that covered. The issue at hand, however, is that the investigation showed that the primary aggressor who assaulted a patron was a female by the name of Jamie Doyle, who for all intents and purposes, it appears that she was a bartender there. She was possibly working earlier in the day, was consuming alcohol at some point, became intoxicated, and assaulted some patrons that she may or may not have a problem with earlier in the evening; which is why I wanted the business owner to come in and discuss it. He is represented by Mr. McCaffrey - -

Attorney Michael McCaffrey [Interposing]: You recognized Michael McCaffrey. Chris is to my right, Arthur is to my left. They're both the co-owners of the property. You pretty much nailed down what my clients believe what happened. They weren't present. Arthur was there until about 9:30 p.m. Chris was there, he left before that. They found out about it probably after the police came and straightened it - -

Mr. Chris Frechette [Interposing]: I found out about it when they call called the cops, because I spoke to the cops briefly at 11:00 p.m. I talked to them, because they called me and woke me up at my house.

Attorney McCaffrey: I will say, they are here to answer any questions, but the two employees are currently suspended. They weren't on duty when the incident took place, but obviously it was St. Patrick's Day - -

Mr. Frechette [Interposing]: They worked until 6:00 p.m. Sorry Mike.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So, two employees?

Attorney McCaffrey: It was two employees. Jamie, who got arrested; and then there was a Ryan, who was the male; I don't know if he is in the police report or not.

Colonel Connor: He's not in the police report.

Attorney McCaffrey: Our understanding is there was two, those two employees, and it was a group of three women - -

Mr. Frechette [Interposing]: Jamie Doyle had a problem with three female customers. She worked until 6:00 p.m. and she was a patron at that moment. She definitely does work there.

Attorney McCaffrey: They may not be working there after this.

Mr. Frechette: They haven't been on the premises since. I told them they were suspended and I would discuss what I was going to do with them after this meeting.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So they worked until 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Frechette: And then about 11:00 p.m., Jamie and these three girls had an issue, and then Jamie got arrested.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: What time were there until?

Mr. Frechette: We were there until 8:00 or 9:00. We weren't there at 11:00 when it happened.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So during that three hour time frame did you have any other issues with Jamie? Did you see her drinking on the premises?

Mr. Frechette: I mean, she was having drinks. It was St. Paddy's Day. They were off the clock. They're full time employees, they don't ever cause trouble, so this is very odd for both of them.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Do you guys have any policies as far as when they get off shift, as to whether they should or should not be drinking, just out of curiosity; at your establishment when they're off shift?

Mr. Frechette: When they're off shift they can have normal drinks with their husbands or wives, or come in and have a couple of drinks, not to get wasted or anything.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Have you ever had - -

Mr. Frechette [Interposing]: They had issues with customers, it doesn't matter who's fault it was.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Understood. Have you ever had any issues with Jamie Doyle before?

Mr. Frechette: I have not.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: How long has she been employed there?

Mr. Frechette: She's been employed there a few years now.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So when you left around 9:00, everything seemed fine. She didn't appear intoxicated, you didn't have any information about a brewing altercation - -

Mr. Frechette [Interposing]: Everything was fine. I guess these three girls and her had a prior issue. I was unaware of that.

Clerk Paolucci: Do you know the female subjects? Are they regulars of the establishment?

Mr. Frechette: They're regulars. They're also not allowed in anymore. They're younger, their probably about 25; Jamie's closer to 40, she has kids and stuff. It's very unusual for her to act like that.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: What plan of action do you have as far as addressing - -

Mr. Frechette [Interposing]: I kind of wanted to see what you guys had to say, but my plan was to allow them to come back and not drink on premises at all. I've told them both if they are allowed to come back they are not allowed to have any alcohol whatsoever. If they come in, they can come in for food. They cannot drink on our property at all. That's what I told them was the stipulation.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: So, how did you become; who called you the night of the fight to report to you? Who notified you?

Mr. Frechette: One of the bartenders. I believe it was Nick Burns. There were three bartenders on at that point.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: What did he tell you?

Mr. Frechette: I believe Nick Burns is the one who talked to the cops. I believe that was the one that handled the call. I had talked to some police officer briefly; because the employees thought I could do something about Jamie being arrested. I talked to the officer and he said she was getting booked. I was going to come down at 11:00 and he said there was nothing I could do at that point.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: What did that employee report to you? How did they explain what had happened to you?

Mr. Frechette: That three girls and Jamie had an altercation outside.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Did you review any footage? Do you have surveillance?

Mr. Frechette: We had a door guy and everything, but it just happened quick outside. I think sometimes they get a little more nervous when it's girls. I even told the door guy, if he's nervous just call the cops, not even to try to break things up. They get uncomfortable with the girl fights.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Do you have any surveillance footage at all? Do you have cameras?

Mr. Frechette: Yes.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Did you look at it after the fact?

Mr. Frechette: I did.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Did everything that you were told happened line up with what you saw on the CCTV?

Mr. Frechette: Yes.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Okay. Any previous violations in the last 12 months.

Mr. Frechette: You gave me a warning. I had called the cops about a year ago.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Was the warning for not reporting a fight in the establishment?

Mr. Frechette: I called the cops because someone was sleeping outside. Then someone had said they were acting up inside, the boyfriend and girlfriend. You guys gave me a warning. I called the cops, but you guys had said that I didn't call the cops soon enough.

Colonel Connor: It was something inside and I think you had removed people, and then some people camped out on the side of the building for a while, and then it heated up again. It was just a warning from you guys.

Mr. Frechette: Yeah, there was no alcohol problem.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Okay. Jim, do you have anything else?

Clerk Paolucci: I don't.

Vice Chairman Gilbert: Okay. Based on the fact that it doesn't appear to be a violation of the notification requirement, per city ordinance, I'm going to make a motion that no action is taken, based on this incident, with the stipulation that you are taking appropriate action against your employees that are involved; to include whatever measures you feel reasonable that you just reported to the Board that there will be no alcohol on premises if you choose to retain her. That's obviously you, within your right as a business owner.

ACTION: Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to take no action. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

22. Discussion with John Lane from Johnny Boy's, 529 Warwick Avenue. This discussion is a continuation from the meeting on January 9, 2024.

ACTION: Mr. Lane was not in attendance for the second time.

23. Public Comment

There was no public comment this evening.

At 6:47 p.m. the Board entered executive session.

At 6:58 p.m. the Board closed the executive session and read the votes into the record.

POLICE EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Board Business - Review, Discussion and/or Potential Action and/or Vote; Possible Motion(s) to convene into Closed/Executive Session; The Board of Public Safety may convene into Closed / Executive Session to discuss, take possible action, and/or vote pursuant to the relevant requirements of R.I. General Laws § 42-46-5(a) Subsection (3) regarding matters of security – Applications pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 11-

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47-11 and City of Warwick Ordinance Article IV, Division 1, Sec. 6-72: Concealed Carry Weapon Permit. Discussion and/or Potential Action and/or Vote from Executive Session concerning the following Applications:

a, b, and c were renewals. There was no need to appear.

ACTION: Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

d. Applicant 4 – Request for Weapons Carry Permit (**NEW – EXECUTIVE**)

ACTION: Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

e. Applicant 5 – Request for Weapons Carry Permit (**NEW – EXECUTIVE**)

ACTION: Vice Chairman Gilbert made a motion to approve. Clerk Paolucci seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Gilbert and Clerk Paolucci voted in favor of the motion. Motion approved.

At 7:00 p.m. this meeting was adjourned.



James Paolucci, Clerk