

## **NORTH ADAMS LICENSE COMMISSION**

### **Regular Meeting**

10/20/2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: All via Zoom Meeting

OTHERS PRESENT: TJ Maroney, Brendan Bullett, Michael Fletcher, & Tammy Daniels

CALLED TO ORDER: Ms Dickinson read the statement  
Pertaining to virtual meetings.

#### Regular Meeting:

The meeting began with a complaint received by the board from Mr. Fletcher regarding noise and after hours service at Ramunto's. Mr. Fletcher and his wife live upstairs from the establishment. Mr. Fletcher told the board that back in January he contacted Ms. Dickinson about the noise and after hours service. Ms Dickinson brought the complaint to the board which at the time recommended a letter to be sent to remind the establishment of the rules of alcohol service. Mr. Fletcher stated that things settled down for a while then covid hit and the establishment was closed for a period of time. He stated things started again in September and he contacted Ms Dickinson again. He stated that he never received a copy of the letter sent by the board.

Mr. Fletcher said that the noise is ongoing and it is not just by employees. He has called the police and incident reports were obtained by the board. The reports did not reflect after hours service.

Commissioner Breen commented that there is a noise ordinance and Ramunto's may have to change the way they stay late night cleaning etc. He stated it may be a Planning Board issue.

Mr. Bullett owner of Ramunto's explained this is an ongoing issue with the Fletchers and that he is working with the landlord as well as being in the business at closing. He stated that the employees have had a problem with Mrs. Fletcher harassing them and their patrons. He said with Covid some nights it is only himself, Mr. Maroney another owner and Mr. Maroney's wife at closing.

Ms Dickinson reminded all that the licensing board governs sales and service of alcohol and not noise unless an entertainment license was in place which it is not. She stated she agreed with Mr. Breen that the Planning Board may be the place that the Fletcher's should go with complaint about noise and late night activity. She said she felt it was productive to have both parties be heard and they will be able to work it out.

The Zoom meeting was interrupted by Zoom Bombers which prompted a delay of the meeting and Mr. Obasonhan left the meeting as well.

After much discussion by both parties Mr. Breen suggested revisiting them in 30 days, Ms Dickinson suggested that time frame be extended to the end of the year. She felt that would give them more time to settle things out. Mr. Breen agreed. This topic will be discussed at the December meeting unless any police reports are received before then.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Breen asked about the Ashland Parlor and Ms Dickinson said she sent their renewal hoping that it would prompt them to state their intentions. She also said with the renewal season here they could not renew if they were not open at the current licensed location.

The board talked briefly about fees for the upcoming year and renewals. Ms Dickinson stated some communities and pro-rated and doing different things to help the businesses who had to close because of covid. It was decided that the board will review fees etc. at the November meeting.

**OPEN FORUM:**

No one spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosemari Dickinson