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Thomas K. Lynch, Town Manager

TOWN MANAGER PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES 367 Main Street Hearing Room, August 8, 2012 10:00 a.m.

A meeting was held on August 8, 2012 at the Town Office Building, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA in the 2nd Floor Hearing Room at 10:00 a.m. Thomas K. Lynch, Town Manager, Thomas F. Geiler, Director of Regulatory Services, Richard V. Scali, Consumer Affairs Supervisor, and Christine Ade, Recorder were present.

<u>Sidewalk Cafe License:</u> Application of Hyannis Rendez Vous, Inc., d/b/a Rendez Vous Cafe & Creperie, 394 Main Street, Hyannis, Dylan Jordan, Manager, for a Sidewalk Cafe License for 15 seats at 7 tables in front of the restaurant.

Mr. Lynch introduced himself to conduct this public hearing for a sidewalk café. He read the hearing notice. He stated that the legal notice was properly placed in the paper on July 20th so anyone who wished to testify could do so. He stated we have a proper plan for the seating. He then asked for input from Regulatory Services. Mr. Geiler stated the applicant is a licensed restaurant who has applied for outside dining. The complication for this property is that it abuts a busy crosswalk – we had to come up with something which provides proper access. Health, Building, Growth Management, and Historic have also looked at and approved this. The final step is this Town Manager approval for a sidewalk café. He advised that staff has the approvals needed and recommended that it be approved.

Mr. Lynch asked for words from Mr. Jordan, who appeared for his application. He stated he has already been granted permission to amend his Annual Common Victualler License to include outdoor seating in front of the restaurant for 7 tables, 15 maximum seats and has been through Historic.

He said that he thinks a few seats outside would be good – people have asked him all summer for this service. Mr. Lynch asked about timing – Mr. Jordan advised that the furniture should be here in a few days and the railing is being built. Mr. Lynch stated he has noticed the making of the crepes you can see through the window is an attraction – people like watching it through the window. He asked if he was going to block that off.

He then asked if he would like to use less seats if he would have to come back before Licensing.

Mr. Geiler stated he does not need to return if he uses less; if he wants more it would be a different story. Mr. Geiler stated he may want to work with it for a while to see what works for him. If he changes it we would like notice so we can change the plan we approved. Mr. Lynch asked if the fencing has to be permanent; Mr. Geiler stated it does not. Most is not permanent, as clearing snow in winter would be difficult for the machines that do the work.

Mr. Lynch thanked Mr. Jordan for appearing and asked if there was any more testimony.

Mr. Geiler asked if there is a change in his menu; Mr. Jordan thinks he will expand a little come winter to add soups, etc.

Mr. Lynch closed the hearing at 10:12 a.m. and stated he would grant the request by signing it now.

Christine P. Ade, Recorder Thomas K. Lynch, Town Manager
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