

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

IN THE MATTER OF

Half Full Brewery
Conor Horrigan, Permittee
Half Full Brewery, Inc., Backer

Permit No. LMP-37
June 29, 2017

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

This matter involves an application for a manufacturer of beer and brew pub permit for Half Full Brewery, Inc., 43 Homestead Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut. A formal administrative hearing was held before the Department of Consumer Protection on May 18, 2017, at which time Conor Horrigan, Permittee, appeared. The hearing was held in accordance with Section 30-39(c), Connecticut General Statutes, as a result of a legally sufficient remonstrance questioning the suitability of the location. Attorney Knopf and one Remonstrant appeared to oppose the granting of this permit.

Based upon the evidence adduced at the hearing, we find the following facts: Liquor Control Agent Boucher reviewed the pending application and found it to be in order. The premise was issued a Provisional Permit on March 17, 2017. Agent Boucher found no complaints or enforcement action for the premise since the Provisional was issued. The premise previously operated under a manufacture of beer permit starting in 2012 and there were no complaints or enforcement action under that permit.

This application is for a change of type from a manufacturer of beer permit to a manufacturer and brew pub. The premise is located in a one story

industrial building and all town requirements have been met. Agent Boucher stated there was no reason to deny this permit.

Attorney Knopf stated the remonstrants' main concerns are the increase in traffic, noise, and litter since the provisional was granted. He stated the owners have been unresponsive to their concerns.

Althea Brown testified for the remonstrants, reiterating the issues they have raised. She stated she met with Mr. Horrigan to discuss these matters last December but he has not been responsive to their concerns.

Mr. Horrigan testified that this is not a well-kept area with the nature of some of the other businesses located nearby. He stated he wants to be a good neighbor and that he will make better efforts. He also agreed to schedule a meeting to work together to address the remonstrants' concerns.

Based upon the substantive evidence offered at the hearing, we do not find substantial evidence to deny this liquor permit. The determination of factual matters with regard to the suitability of a liquor permit premises is vested with the Liquor Control Commission. Brown v. Liquor Control Commission, 176 Conn. 428, 407 A.2d 1020 (1973). Accordingly, we hereby deny the remonstrance and grant the liquor permit of Conor Horrigan and Half Full Brewery, subject to any outstanding agent's requirements.

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION**

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