



Memorandum

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Patty McKenny, Town Clerk

Date: November 1, 2016

Subject: Interview and appointment to Vail Local (Liquor) Licensing Authority (VLLA)

I. SUMMARY

The Town Council will have an opportunity to interview two applicants for one mid-cycle vacancy on the Vail Local (Liquor) Licensing Authority (VLLA) during the November 1st afternoon meeting, Ross Cohen and Rory Holmes. The appointment will be made during the evening meeting. The term of this appointment will end June 2017. A vacancy exists with the recent departure of Amanda Zinn who is now a town employee heading up the Welcome Center. The Charter outlines the restrictions for employees not serving on boards or commissions. There will be three vacancies on the VLLA to be filled next June.

Town of Vail Charter - Section 8.2 - Composition of Boards and Commissions:

The composition of all existing permanent boards and commissions and those hereafter established shall be such that: no town employee shall be allowed to serve; neither the mayor nor any councilmember shall serve on any board or commission. Terms and conditions of appointment to such boards and commissions shall be determined by ordinance. (Charter amd. 11-6-2012: 1972 Charter)

II. BACKGROUND

There are five members appointed by Town Council to serve on the Vail Local (Liquor) Licensing Authority. The VLLA is established pursuant to the provisions of Colorado Revised Statutes section 12-46-103(4), section 12-47-103(9), and the Town Charter section 8.6, and is a commission which oversees the licensing of locations within the Town to sell alcoholic liquors and fermented malt beverages and for the local administration of the Liquor Code of 1935 and the Fermented Malt Beverages Act in accordance with said statutes. Those serving must be citizens of the United States, qualified electors of the Town of Vail, and have resided in the Town of Vail for not less than two years preceding appointment, and shall have no direct financial interest in any license to sell alcoholic beverages or any location having any such license. The applicants meet the criteria outlined.

Current VLLA members include: Luca Bruno (2017), Michael Hannigan (2018), Ted Steers (2017 term limited), Craig Arseneau (2018). The VLLA meets the second Wednesday of each month and considers new liquor licenses, renewals, transfers and special event liquor permits. The letters of interest are attached and the position vacancy was advertised with a public notice in the Vail Daily and posted on the Town of Vail website the past couple of weeks.

Proposed Questions include:

- Please describe what you think the role of the Vail Local (Liquor) Licensing Authority includes and why you are interested?
- Will your work schedule allow you to attend this meeting during the morning mid week, 2nd Wednesday of each month?
- Describe any experience you have serving on other boards?

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October 17th, 2016

Dear Vail Town Council Members,

This marks my 17th year living in Vail. The unique culture of Vail has allowed me to create a wonderful lifestyle and I am looking forward to giving back to the community. My experience and past employment history make me a prime candidate to serve on Vail Local Licensing Authority board.

I would like you to consider me for a position on the Vail Local Licensing Authority Board. My experience as the former operations manager of Samana Lounge in Vail has provided me with the experience, knowledge and skills to serve my community. Having personally appeared before the board to renew Samana's License, I am already familiar with one aspect of the process and am look forward to experiencing all the responsibilities of the position.

Prior to becoming the operations manager of Samana Lounge, I had the pleasure of working and learning every position in the nightclub from doorman checking I.D's, bar back to bartender. Having served in each of these positions, I have a unique perspective on the day-to-day operations of operating a business in Vail. I have extensive knowledge of state and local liquor laws and am T.I.P.S certified.

Knowing what is required from the business aspect of the Board, I am excited to learn about the other half of the process that is so critical and influential to businesses and events in our community.

I am very interested in the social and financial impact of the Vail Local Licensing Authority. As a Vail homeowner, I believe that diversified businesses serving alcohol will ensure the long-term success of a thriving local community for now and in the future.

Looking forward to serving on the board and contributing to my community.

I welcome the opportunity to volunteer for this position.

Respectfully Yours,



Ross Cohen

Patty McKenny

From: Rory Holmes <roryholmes@ymail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2016 8:29 PM
To: Patty McKenny
Subject: Opening on the Vail Liquor board

Hi Patty,

My name is Rory Holmes. I am writing you in regards to the open position on the Vail liquor board. I have lived in Vail for a total of 10 years, including attending Battle Mountain High School. I currently work full time at Kemosabe in Vail village. In addition, I work part time at the Vail Marriott and Vail Surefoot, also picking up shifts at The Bridge Street Bar and Shakedown Bar. My immediate family lives in Vail and I am committed to spending my life here.

I come from a family of passionate skiers and bikers. Besides loving the outdoor activities, I admire the town of Vail and I have much respect for the people who live here. I want to be able to give back to the town and become a more participating member. I have always wanted to play a part in Vail's local government and as time goes on I would like to take on more responsibility and have a larger role in the decisions made regarding the future of our town. I feel there are many issues that need to be solved to make our community better. Being on the liquor board I feel I would get a better understanding of our community and will learn more about our town and our government. The liquor board may play a small role, but I feel it handles a wide variety of important issues and requests, and allows insight to our working community.

I truly hope you will consider me as a serious applicant and give me the opportunity to become more involved in the community. I would love to be invited to sit in front of the town council and explain in more detail why I would be an excellent addition to the board.

Regards,

Rory Holmes
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Sent from my iPhone