

Staff Report



Date: October 28, 2021
To: **Devens Enterprise Commission**
From: Neil Angus, Environmental Planner
RE: **Clear Path for Veterans Grand Opening Veterans Day Event (1-Day All-Alcoholic Beverages License)**

Applicant/Owner: Clear Path for Veterans New England
Location: 84 Antietam Street, Devens, MA
Zoning: Innovation and Technology Center and Zone II Water Res. Protection Overlay.

Event Overview:

Clear Path for Veterans New England is celebrating Veterans Day hosting their official grand opening on Thursday, November 11, 2021 from 6pm – 10 pm at their new facility at 84 Antietam Street, Devens, MA. The event will include wine and beer tasting and tours of the facility and guest speakers will show the value of the Center to Veterans in our communities. Local award-winning Chef Bill Brady will be on-site to prepare appetizers for guests. Clear Path has a licensed commercial kitchen on-site so they will not need food service permits from the DEC/Nashoba Associated Boards of Health. Devens Event Permit Regulations allow for business/property owners on Devens to host one-day events on their own property so there is no need for an event permit. However, because this event is proposing to serve beer and wine, they are requesting a one-day special license from the DEC to serve alcohol.

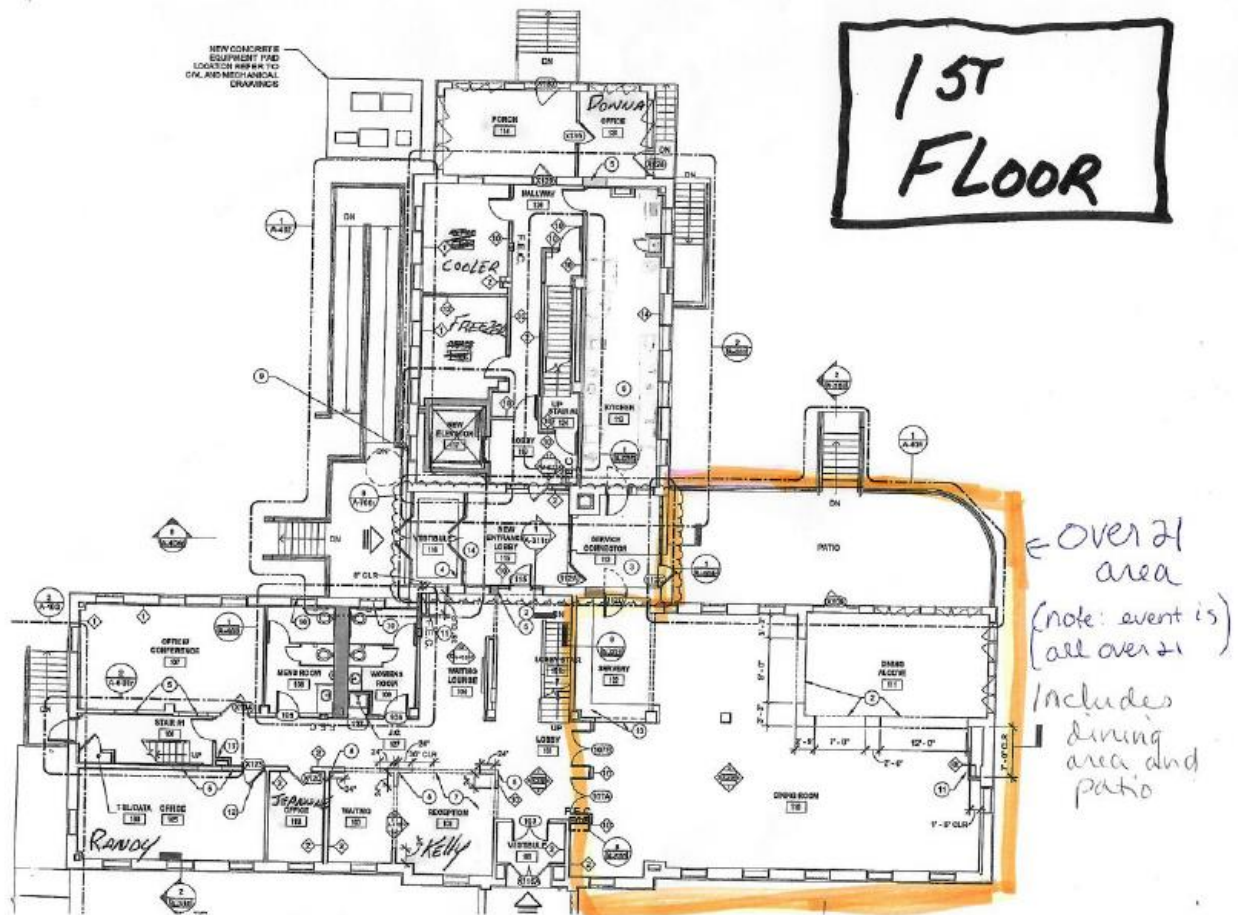
One Day All-Alcoholic Beverages License Details:

Clear Path, a non-profit organization, will be collaborating with Martignetti Companies out of Taunton, MA for wine and WormTown Brewery out of Worcester to supply their alcohol (both ABCC authorized sources). The area where Alcohol is to be served will be within the dining room and, weather pending, the outdoor patio as depicted on the floor plan (see next page). Entrance into the area will be restricted to persons 21 years of age or older (the whole event is an over 21 event). ID's will be checked to enter the dining room and patio. Bartenders will be TIPS certified and will ID individuals being served. Patrons will not be allowed to take alcohol outside the dining room and patio areas. The applicant will be required to have a State Police officer inside the dining room and patio area at all times when alcohol is being served as required by the license.

Parking:

Clear Path is expecting around 150 people. Attendees will be able to park on-site at 84 Antietam and there is public parking on Antietam Street. Devens Recreation has no events that day so they have okay'd the use of the adjacent municipal lot to the south for overflow parking.

Area Where Alcohol will be Served and Consumed in 84 Antietam Building:



Recommended Action:

Legal notices were published and all abutters were notified by certified mail. We received no comments. If the Commission is satisfied that all concerns have been addressed, Staff would recommend approval of the One Day All-Alcoholic Beverages License, subject to the following conditions:

1. The One Day All-Alcoholic Beverages License is valid for 84 Antietam Street on Thursday, November 11, 2021 from 6pm – 10 pm only.
2. The serving and consumption of alcohol is limited to the dining room and patio area only at 84 Antietam Street as shown on the event layout plan. A police officer shall be inside this area at all times while alcohol is being served/consumed.
3. The Applicant is an individual, as the responsible manager for the organization and shall control the dispensing of alcohol to persons not under the age of twenty-one (21), and shall not serve alcohol to individuals who are or "appear to be" under the influence of alcohol.
4. The Licensee must purchase alcoholic beverages from an authorized source. Licensees CANNOT purchase from a package store and CANNOT accept donations from anyone.
5. All waste must be contained on-site and properly disposed of. Recycling is mandatory.