



Amesbury Technical Review Committee

April 2, 2025

City Hall Auditorium

62 Friend St.

9:30 am

In attendance: Chief Nolan, Lisa DeMeo, Jim Wilson, Nick Cracknell, Howard Snyder, Amanda Armington, and Becky Frey

Absent: Joe Buckley, Chief Bailey, Robert Serino, Nipun Jain, and Lauren Blatchford

Nick Cracknell called the meeting to order at 9:37 am.

Outdoor Dining Permit Review:

1. [9 Water St.](#) – Silvaticus

Jay Bullen from Silvaticus commented that this was his fifth year applying for an outdoor dining permit. Nothing has changed in the plans over the last couple years. They are proposing to take two parking spaces in front of the buildings and the space in front of the driveway. The only change is that they added two additional tables, which increases the capacity by 8 people.

Chief Nolan questioned if any tables would be on the sidewalk. Jay Bullen responded that they would only be in the beer garden space. Chief Nolan questioned if they were using food truck space again. Jay Bullen confirmed they were, but it would not be enclosed with barriers. Their landlord approved that plan.

Nick Cracknell commented that the new ordinance included fees. Those fees would apply to the enclosed areas, it would not include the food truck space. They need to confirm the number of jersey barriers with DPW. Jay Bullen noted that it has been 9 barriers in the past and requested that they get the ones they have had in the past because they painted them white. That makes it easier to continue to maintain them.

Jim Wilson motioned to recommend approval of the Outdoor Dining Application for Silvaticus at 9 Water St. as presented. Seconded by Chief Nolan. The motion passed unanimously.

2. [5 Market Square](#) – Market Square Bakehouse

Theodore Dewez commented that they were proposing to expand to the lower bullnose area. It is the same plan as it has been in the past years. They are adding two extra



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tables to the space. They are not taking away too much of the foot traffic and circulation area. They are hoping to provide a nice scenic area. They will put out their own corral barriers.

Nick Cracknell commented that the outdoor usage area appears to be 340 sf. Theodore Dewez confirmed that was correct.

Chief Nolan motioned to recommend approval for the Outdoor Dining Application for Market Square Bakehouse at 5 Market Square. Seconded by Amanda Armington. The motion passed unanimously.

Becky Frey noted that the outdoor dining application information gave deadlines for the April meetings for application review. If an applicant submits after those deadlines would the TRC be open to accommodating late files? Lisa DeMeo responded that they could accommodate a late file, however, depending on the request they may not have set up assistance as efficiently.

Administrative:

1. Minutes 3-5-2025; 3-19-25

Howard Snyder motioned to approve the minutes from the 3-5-2025 and 3-19-2025 TRC meetings as presented. Seconded by Nick Cracknell. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Address Process

3. Departmental Comment Process

Becky Frey commented that they could discuss these items when more of the TRC members are present.

General Communications:

Chief Nolan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 am. Seconded by Jim Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.