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MINUTES AUGUST 15, 2024

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: July 15, 2024

1. Oakley Country Club Procedure confirmed
410 Belmont Street
Modification of Notice Procedure for
Temporary Points of Sale of Alcohol on Golf Course
2. Boston Bread Company Approved 3-0
d/b/a Panera Bread
One Mt. Auburn Street
Common Victualer License
3. Kura Sushi USA Inc. Approved 3-0
d/b/a Kura Revolving Sushi Bar
101 Bond Street
Change of Manager for
Wine and Malt Common Victualer Licensee

Start: 7:15PM
End: 7:34PM

Donna Doucette, Chair

Present: Donna Doucette, Sandra Kasabian Hoffman, John Labadini,
Also Present: Watertown Police Lieutenant Kenneth Swift, Watertown Police
Sergeant Mark Lewis, Licensing Board Clerk Samantha Eyster

The Oakley Country Club
410 Belmont Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider, on the request of the Watertown Police Department, a modification of the notice procedure for temporary points of sale of alcohol on the golf course portion of the premises of the Oakley Country Club, which sale was approved by the Board at its meeting of July 18, 2024 on the application of the licensee for approval of an alteration of its premises at 410 Belmont Street licensed for all alcohol club beverage service.

Chair Doucette explained that the approval required the licensee to notify both the Licensing Board clerk and the Police Department, two weeks in advance, when temporary points of sale were to be utilized – to assist both the clerk and Police department in keeping track of compliance with the terms of the approval authorizing temporary points of sale on a total of up to 20 days per year. Lt. Swift stated that the Police Department was requesting that the contact be directly between the licensee and the clerk's office, for the reasons that there be one tracking point for compliance purposes and that there be a clarification on the record that the department was not be responsible for counting the number of events per year. The chair stated that a notice should be issued to the licensee with a reminder that both the Licensing Board clerk and the Police Department must be notified prior to use of temporary points of sale. Lt. Swift stated that would be acceptable. Chair Doucette also recommended that the clerk's office communicate any notice received from the licensee to the Police Department, to make sure all points of contact have the same information.

The notice to the licensee will include the full conditions of approval of the alteration of premises.

Boston Bread LLC
d/b/a Panera Bread
One Mt. Auburn Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Boston Bread LLC d/b/a Panera Bread for a Common Victualer License to be exercised at One Mt. Auburn Street.

Ernesto Vicioso, general manager of the store, appeared in support of the application. Mr. Vicioso stated that the Panera Bread operation on Arsenal Street had been closed, and is relocating to the Mt. Auburn Street site. There will be limited seating, with most of the menu items available by electronic order on a 'to go' basis. Catering service will also be offered. Tentative, anticipated hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with weekend hours dependent on business volume. The requested, approved hours are 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday. There will be indoor seating for 10 persons.

Sgt. Lewis reported that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the requested license, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed.

The Building and Fire Departments and Zoning Enforcement Officer reported no objection to the granting of the license; and the Health Department reported that a food service permit had been issued.

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant a Common Victualer License, subject to the following conditions:

1. The description of the licensed premises is as follows: approximately 1,528 square foot restaurant, kitchen, seating for 10 people.
2. The hours of operation shall be 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday.
3. There shall be no alcoholic beverages on the premises.

Kura Sushi USA Inc.
d/b/a Kura Revolving Sushi Bar
101 Bond Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Kura Sushi USA, Inc. d/b/a Kura Sushi Revolving Sushi Bar for approval of a change of manager of its premises at 101 Bond Street licensed for wine and malt common victualer service.

Randy Velez, the proposed manager, appeared in support of the application.

The hearing was opened on July 18, 2024. Mr. Velez stated that he was a manager for the restaurant, and had been with the company for about two years. He noted that he had alcohol server certification and ServSafe certification, but the documentation of those certifications was not in the application materials before the Board, so the Board voted to continue the hearing to allow for submission of additional information regarding the certifications. On August 15, Mr. Velez again appeared, and the Board acknowledged receipt of the certifications.

Sgt. Lewis stated that the Police Department had no objection to the proposed change of manager, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed.

The Building, Health and Fire Departments and Zoning Enforcement Officer had no comment on the application.

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve Randy Velez as manager, subject to the following conditions:

1. The new manager of record, Randy Velez, shall ensure that all bartenders and servers of alcohol attend and successfully complete an alcohol awareness training program (e.g., TIPS) immediately upon hire or expiration of certification. Copies of all certifications shall be maintained by the licensee and available upon request.
2. All other conditions of the license shall remain in place.