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MINUTES OCTOBER 17, 2024

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: September 19, 2024

1. Special Licenses

- Stephen Nyakairv, Grace Chapel

Approved 3-0

Fall Festival

October 26, 2024

Pastor Stephen Nyakairv appeared in support of the application. Chair Doucette reviewed the elements of the application: free, family event – inside and outside, 2:00 -5:00 p.m.; 600 expected attendees; a focus for children, accompanied by adults; certificate of liability insurance; layout. Pastor Nyakairv stated that this is an event to welcome new families, and is funded by congregants. It is also open to residents of the neighborhood; there is no set limit on attendees. For parking, there are on-street spaces, and some spaces at the adjacent Police Station will be available. Some attendees will arrive by bus. The Building and Fire Departments had no comment on the application. The Health Department and Zoning Enforcement Officer reported no objection. Sgt. Lewis stated that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police Department.

- John Donohue, Donohue's Bar & Grill
87 Bigelow Avenue

Approved 3-0

Annual 5k Road Race Turkey Trot

November 28

John Donohue appeared in support of the application. Chair Doucette reviewed the elements of the application: 19th annual event; 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; open to all ages; race route description; expected attendees – 1,500; Mr. Donohue stated that, per past practice, the only street closure would be the area of Bigelow Avenue in front of Donohue's restaurant, from Nichols Road to the church. Traffic cones will be placed on the roads, per the Police Department, and all turns on the route will be right turns. The participation goal is up to 1500 persons; there were close to 1200 in 2023. Money raised will benefit the Watertown Boys and Girls Club and another Watertown organization. Chair Doucette asked if any medical personnel would be on duty for the event. Mr. Donohue stated no, but that there will be on-site AED (automated external defibrillator).

The Building and Health Departments had no comment on the application. The Fire Department and Zoning Enforcement Officer reported no objection. Sgt. Lewis stated that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the license requested subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police Department.

- Hovannes (John) Piranosian Approved 3-0
Annual Bazaar, One-Day All Alcohol Licenses
St. James Armenian Church, 465 Mt. Auburn Street
October 18 and 19

Mr. Piranosian appeared in support of the application. Chair Doucette reviewed the elements of the application: event will be inside; 2-day event, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day; expected attendees up to 1000; live music, food and beverages; two TIPS certifications; two crowd manager certificates; layout; kitchen layout; certificate of liability insurance; tax exemption certificate; ABCC-approved wholesaler receipt. Chair Doucette noted that the persons in charge should periodically check the adjacent side streets to make sure they are not being blocked by vehicles parked for the event. Board member Kasabian Hoffman asked about the identification procedure for persons purchasing alcohol. Mr. Piranosian stated that people will purchase tickets for alcohol; identification will be checked at the time of purchase and when service is requested from a bartender. The Building and Fire Departments and Zoning Enforcement Officer had no comment. The Health Department reported that a food service permit had been issued. Sgt. Lewis stated that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the licenses requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board voted to grant the licenses, subject to the conditions requested by the Police Department.

2. Asteria Transportation Granted 3-0
9 Hudson Street
Livery License
3. D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc. Granted 3-0
70 North Beacon Street
Motor Vehicle Repair License
4. 3D Group, Inc.
d/b/a Conley's Pub & Grille
164 Belmont Street
Transfer of All Alcohol Common Victualer License Approved 3-0
Common Victualer License Granted 3-0

6-Day and Sunday Entertainment Licenses
Music Box License

Granted 3-0
Granted 3-0

5. West on Main, LLC
d/b/a West on Main
451 Main Street

6-Day and Sunday Entertainment Licenses
Music Box License

Granted 3-0
Granted 3-0

6. Comments by Board Clerk and Police Department

Board member Kasabian Hoffman asked whether the Wild Willy's restaurant had submitted any application to the Board, since the business is now operating under the name Belle's Burgers. Assistant City Clerk Emily Martin stated that there has been a rebranding, but not as part of the larger corporate business. Chair Doucette questioned whether the Board should hold a show cause hearing on account of a change prior to any application. Assistant Clerk Martin stated that an application had been received, and it shows the same principals as currently hold the licenses at the location. It was not submitted by the deadline for placement on the Board's November agenda, but it might be possible to do so. Chair Doucette recommended a letter of warning to the applicants regarding changes without following the application process, noting that restaurant operations are not approved under the new name and that if such a change happened again the license could be suspended. All members approved.

Start: 7:21PM
End: 8:28PM



Donna Doucette, Chair

Present: Donna Doucette, Sandra Kasabian Hoffman, Jim Tsekrekas
Also Present: Watertown Police Sergeant Mark Lewis, Assistant City Clerk Emily Martin, Attorney David Doneski

Asteria Transportation, Inc.
9 Hudson Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Asteria Transportation, Inc. for a livery license to be exercised from 9 Hudson Street.

Ivan Kulitski, president, appeared in support of the application together with Liana Kulitski.

The Kulitskis explained that the applicant needs a livery license in order to get a Massport permit for airport transportation. The business has one vehicle now, with a plan to add a vehicle in the future, but not this year. They rent the property where the vehicle will be garaged, and have use of one side of 2-car garage and a spot in the driveway as part of the lease. Ivan Kulitski will be the only driver for now. Chair Doucette noted that the applicant must contact the Board's clerk if it will be adding a vehicle or a driver.

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

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

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant the requested license, subject to the following conditions:

1. The license shall be for pre-arranged transportation of persons rather than on the street pick-up of persons.
2. The licensee shall maintain a current motor vehicle driving record of all employees who have been hired as a driver of any motor vehicle to be used in conjunction with the license.
3. If any driver for the licensee receives more than three moving violations or is involved in more than one surchargeable accident in a 12-month period, he/she shall be required, within 90 days of exceeding those limits, to attend a defensive driving training course.
4. The license is for one driver and one vehicle, to be parked at 9 Hudson Street.
5. The licensee shall keep all records on file and they shall be made available for review by any agent of the Licensing Board upon request.

D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc.
Two Emery Road
Allston, MA 02134

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc. for a motor vehicle repair license to be exercised at 70 North Beacon Street.

Gabriela Estrada, president, appeared in support of the application, together with Romulo Marins, who will join in the lease of the subject property.

Ms. Estrada stated that the applicant is undertaking an extension of its business, which has been in operation for about 18 years at Two Emory Road in Allston, MA and has a body shop at 386 Arsenal Street in Watertown. The operation at 70 Beacon Street will continue the current motor vehicle repair and towing business at the site in its present form, just with a different name, doing only auto repair. The property was the site of Watertown Towing. Romulo Marins explained that the D & G business does have tow trucks and may have to park them on the site at times.

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

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

Chair Doucette repeated and emphasized the condition regarding deliveries and transfer of vehicles on the property only, and stated that the applicant needed to ensure compliance by vehicles coming to the site.

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant the motor vehicle repair license, subject to the following conditions:

1. The description of the licensed premises is as follows: approximately 10,000 square feet with parking for 12 vehicles, 9 outside the building and 3 inside.
2. The hours of operation shall not exceed 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday; no business hours on Sunday.
3. The property shall be maintained by the licensee in accordance with all City ordinances.
4. All deliveries and transfers of vehicles shall be made on the property and not on the public way.
5. There shall be no alcoholic beverages on the premises.

3D Group, Inc.
d/b/a Conley's Pub & Grille
164 Belmont Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of 3D Group, Inc. d/b/a Conley's Pub & Grille for approval of a transfer to it of the All Alcohol Common Victualer License held by JKT Watertown Partners LLC d/b/a Conley's Pub & Grille for exercise at 160-

168 Belmont Street, and for a Common Victualer License and Entertainment, Music Box and Automatic Amusement Device Licenses at that location.

Attorney Ken Leitner appeared in support of the application, together with Richard Auterio, president, John DeVito, secretary and a director of the corporation, and Dean Orfanos, treasurer and a director.

Attorney Leitner stated that 3D Group is purchasing the existing business. The 3D principals include John DeVito, who is associated with the DeVito Funeral Home and has 10 years' experience in the restaurant business, at Oakley Country Club; Dean Orfanos, who has experience with a family restaurant business, the Harvard Gardens restaurant; and Richard Auterio, who has Waltham restaurant experience. Mr. Auterio will be the manager and will provide day-to-day supervision. The interior set-up of the restaurant will remain the same, with 142 seats. In the past, there has been outside seating, approved through the Town of Belmont because of the location of the town line. There is on-street parking. For financing of the transaction, there will be a bank loan, but no pledge of the alcohol license.

Attorney Leitner explained that the applicant is requesting the same entertainment and music box licenses as are presently exercised at the site. He noted that most entertainment is offered on Friday evenings.

Chair Doucette noted that the occupancy limit is 180 persons, and the indoor seating is stated as 142 persons. She also stated that there were some unanswered questions on the application forms filled out by the principals, and requested submission of fully completed forms.

Board member Tsekrekas asked for confirmation of whether the Conley's business had recently been sold to the present owner. Attorney Leitner stated yes, within the past two years, but noted that none of the applicant's principals is part of the current ownership. Chair Doucette asked if the applicant would be keeping current employees, and Attorney Leitner stated the intention is to keep as many as it can.

Chair Doucette asked about the location of musicians during entertainment, and Mr. Auterio marked a copy of the plan referenced above to note the entertainment area. He noted that two adjacent tables, with a total of eight seats, would be removed during entertainment hours. Attorney Leitner stated that entertainment would consist of soft music, such as solo guitar, one singer, and music of that type, generally on Friday nights. He noted there may be amplification for guitar. Chair Doucette commented that there are other restaurants in proximity to the site.

Mr. Auterio stated that there would be a juke box only, no automatic entertainment devices. Attorney David Doneski of City KP Law noted that, in light of that, no automatic entertainment device license would be required.

The Fire Department and Zoning Enforcement Officer had no comment on the application.

The Building Department reported that its approval would be pending a certificate of inspection, and the Health Department reported that its approval would be pending a food establishment permit application.

Sgt. Lewis stated that the Police Department had no objection to approval of the proposed transfer and the new common victualer license and the entertainment licenses, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed. He also stated that the Police Department had no objection to the requested music box license.

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve the transfer of the All Alcohol Common Victualer License, subject to the following conditions:

1. The description of the licensed premises is as follows: 2,330 square feet of retail area on the first floor containing 142 indoor seats, with 3 entrances and exits; two bar service areas; full kitchen; office and changing room; and a partial basement for storage.
2. The hours of operation shall be 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday, and 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight on Sunday.
3. Seating shall be for 142 persons, as shown on the plan submitted (sketch plan entitled "Conley's 164 Belmont St Watertown Existing Floor Plan. Scale $\frac{1}{4}$ " = 1").
4. The manager, Mr. Richard Auterio, and all servers employed by the licensed establishment shall attend and successfully complete an alcohol awareness training program (e.g., TIPS) immediately upon hire or expiration of certification.
5. Copies of all alcohol awareness training certifications shall be maintained by the licensee and reviewable upon request.

The Licensing Board also voted unanimously to grant a Common Victualer License, in accordance with the conditions for the All Alcohol Common Victualer License.

In addition, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant a 6-day Entertainment License and Sunday Entertainment License, subject to the following conditions:

1. The number of musicians shall be limited to three, one of which may be a singer
2. Instruments shall be limited to a piano, string and reed.
3. The space to be used for entertainment shall be limited to the area of the premises shown above and to the left of the word "Conley's" on the plan submitted (sketch plan entitled "Conley's 164 Belmont St Watertown Existing Floor Plan, Scale $\frac{1}{4}$ " = 1").

4. No dancing shall be allowed.
5. The hours of exercise for the six-day license shall be Monday through Friday, 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., and Saturday 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. The hours for the Sunday license shall be 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. (midnight).
6. A full-service menu and kitchen hours must be maintained when entertainment is offered.
7. The restaurant seating shall decrease by eight persons during hours entertainment is offered.

Further, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant a Music Box License, for a jukebox to be located at the area marked “juke” on the plan submitted (shown below the “sandwich unit” location).

West on Main, LLC
d/b/a West on Main
451 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of West on Main, LLC d/b/a West on Main for a Six-Day Entertainment License, a Sunday Entertainment License, and a Music Box License to be exercised at 451 Main Street in connection with operation of a restaurant at the premises, West on Main. The hearing on the application had been continued from the Board’s meeting of September 19, 2024.

David Kelly, manager, appeared in support of the application.

Mr. Kelly stated that music will be offered on Saturday and Sunday, typically with two 2 performers, from 9:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., though not necessarily every weekend day. Irish music will be offered on Sunday, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There would be a guitar and one amplifier. He noted that the entertainment area is labeled on the floor plan submitted. There are no tables in the area to be removed, but two or three bar stools will be moved.

In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Kelly stated that the windows would be closed when music is being played. He also explained that the music box will be located in a corner, at the entertainment area; there will be no arcade games. Chair Doucette noted that in that event, no automatic amusement device license would be needed.

Sgt. Lewis stated that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the requested entertainment licenses, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed, and had no objection to the granting of the requested music box license.

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant the requested entertainment licenses, for entertainment including music, trivia nights, and disco bingo, subject to the following conditions:

1. The number of musicians shall be limited to three, one of which may be a singer
2. Instruments shall be limited to a piano, string and reed.
3. The space to be used for entertainment shall be limited to the area shown on the plan submitted (“entertainment area” as shown on plan entitled “Proposed Floor Plan West on Main 451 Main St – Watertown” by Cornerstone Architects, Inc., drawing no. A-1-0, dated 10-15-24).
4. No dancing shall be allowed.
5. The hours of exercise for the six-day license shall be Monday through Friday, 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., and Saturday 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. The hours for the Sunday license shall be 1:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
6. A full-service menu and kitchen hours must be maintained when entertainment is offered.
7. The restaurant seating shall decrease by three persons during hours entertainment is offered.

The Licensing Board also voted unanimously to grant a music box license.