



*Licensing Board*  
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MINUTES MAY 15, 2025

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: April 17, 2025

1. Special Licenses

- Garifalia Davos, Taxiarchae Archangels  
Greek Orthodox Church  
**One-Day All Alcohol Licenses (three)**  
**and Entertainment License**  
**Greek Festival**  
**Hellenic Cultural Center, 25 Bigelow Avenue June 20, 21, 22** Approved 3-0

George Faggas appeared in support of the application. Chair Doucette reviewed the elements of the application: liability insurance; church's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt certification; layout; TIPS certifications for alcohol servers; ABCC-approved wholesaler supplying alcohol. Mr. Faggas stated that the event is the church's annual festival, its biggest fundraising event of the year. All persons will be checked for identification, and no more than two drinks will be served to one person. Estimated attendance is dependent on the weather, with 500 – 600 persons expected if there is nice weather. Mr. Faggas reported that the church is currently awaiting its insurance renewal, which occurs at this time of year, and added that a Health Department food permit has already been issued. There will be a live band each day during the festival hours of operation; the performers will have their backs to Mt. Auburn Street and will be facing the church parking lot. Assistant City Clerk Emily Martin noted that per the application the bar would open at 5:00 p.m. Friday and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The Health Department reported that a food permit had been issued. The Building and Fire Departments and Zoning Enforcement Officer had no comment on the application. 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, and with hours of 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on June 22.

- Max Ritcey, Ritcey East, LLC Approved 3-0  
**Entertainment License, 208 Waverley Avenue** **May 17**

Max Ritcey of the Ritcey East restaurant appeared in support of the application. Chair Doucette reviewed the elements of the application: live music; 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; activities inside the building; layout. Mr. Ritcey stated that six seats will be removed to accommodate the musicians – three of the bands participating in the Watertown Porchfest event on May 17. They will play for a half hour at a time. This is the second year of the Porchfest and the first time for ‘after hours’ performances. There will be no more than two people per performance. Mr. Ritcey stated that the restaurant is not likely to be at the maximum capacity of 72 persons. The Building Department and Zoning Enforcement Officer reported no objection, and the Fire and Health Departments had no comment on the application. 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.

- Andrea Santopietro, Watertown Cable Access Corporation Approved 3-0  
**Entertainment License, 30 Common Street** **May 17**

Andrea Santopietro, of Watertown Cable Access Corporation, appeared in support of the application. Chair Doucette reviewed the elements of the application: live music inside the facility at 30 Common Street; 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Ms. Santopietro stated that she is the WCAC executive director, and that the studio is hosting an after hours event as part of the Watertown Porchfest day on May 17. There will be one band playing for three hours, the MIT video game orchestra. WCAC will offer tours of the facility during the event. The performance will be in the studio space, with six band members: guitar, bass, keyboard, drums and two wind instruments. There will also be a video game contest for attendees. WCAC will be the only user of the building on the day of the event. The Building Department reported no objection, and the Fire and Health Departments and Zoning Enforcement Officer had no comment on the application. 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.

- Tammy Fernandez-McKenna, City of Watertown Approved 3-0  
**Parade License, Festival**  
**Watertown Pride Day Event** **June 1**

Tammy McKenna, events manager in the City’s Department of Community Development and Planning, appeared in support of the application. Chair Doucette reviewed the elements of the application: parade route starts at Westminster Avenue, then onto Main Street, and finishing at Thaxter Avenue – at Saltonstall Park; event hours of noon to 4:00 p.m.; approximately 300 attendees; advertising flyer. Ms. Fernandez-McKenna stated that the Pride Day is an annual event. In coordination with the DPW and Police Department, roads will be closed as the parade moves along the route. MBTA buses will adjust their traffic patterns accordingly. The parade

portion of the event will last about 40 minutes, and there will be a festival at Saltonstall Park, with set-up in the library parking lot and Administration Building perimeter. The festival will end at 4:00 p.m. There will be a food pop-up offered by Ritcey East restaurant and a soda stand presented by Culture Pop. Expected parade participation is 300 persons, with more attendees at the festival portion of the event. The Fire Department and Zoning Enforcement Officer reported no objection, and the Building and Health Departments had no comment on the application. 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.

- Galen Mook, Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition Approved 3-0  
Incorporated  
**Bike Ride Event**  
**May 18**

Galen Mook, executive director of the Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition, appeared in support of the application. Mr. Mook stated that the event is a group ride, along the Watertown Greenway, and the route includes bike path portions linked by streets. The rain date is May 25. Mr. Mook explained that the event is in honor of a cyclist. There will be two routes, with participants starting at different times: about 40 for the first ride and 20 to 40 for the second. Riders will go in groups of about 10-15 persons. The Coalition will encourage a speed of 10-15 mph. There will be no road closures, and riders will observe traffic signals on the route. The stop light at Grove Street will be utilized, and each group will have a leader that has done the ride in the past. Mr. Mook noted that the bike path ends by the Arsenal and riders will cross over to the Arsenal campus. Total distances are 20 miles for one route and 35 miles for the other route, with those riders taking a Boston loop. About 90% of the route is along a bike path. There was no comment on the application from the Building, Fire and Health Departments and the Zoning Enforcement Officer. 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.

- Kathryn Zonghetti, Stormalong Cider LLC Approved 3-0  
**Special Farmer-Winery Pouring and Sales License**  
**For Agricultural Event under G.L. c. 138, §15F**  
**Watertown Farmer's Market**  
**Saltonstall Park June 18, July 2, 16 and 30, August 13 and 27,**  
**September 10 and 24, October 8 and 22 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

Kathryn Zonghetti, field marketing manager for Stormalong Cider, appeared in support of the application. Chair Doucette reviewed the elements of the application: market event every other Wednesday; applicant participated in 2024; agricultural event certification issued by Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources; state farmer-winery license; layout. Ms. Zonghetti stated that the specific booth location will be set closer in time to the start of the

market events, which will be held on Wednesdays from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. The market runs from mid-June to mid-October. A vendor is typically in the same spot for each week of participation. Ms. Zonghetti noted that TIPS certifications had been submitted last year, but could be re-submitted. The Zoning Enforcement Officer reported no objection, and the Building, Fire and Health Departments had no comment on the application. 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.

- 2. Watertown Yacht Club, Inc. Approved 3-0  
 425 Charles River Road  
**Change of Officers, Directors and Manager**
  
- 3. Bar Cino Watertown, Inc. Approved 3-0  
 d/b/a Bar Cino  
 47 Main Street  
**Change of Manager**
  
- 4. Nice to Meet You Inc. Granted 3-0  
 d/b/a Boxfish  
 611-613 Mt. Auburn Street  
**Common Victualer License  
 and All Alcohol Common Victualer License**
  
- 5. Sarah Kichikova LLC Continued to June 18, 2025  
 d/b/a Sarah Kichikova  
 53 Duff Street  
**Class II Used Car Dealer License**
  
- 6. License Renewals: Open Air Parking, Letting out of Motor Vehicles, Second Hand Dealers, Auto Repair

The Board reviewed a list of the renewal applicants. For the open air parking licensees, Asst. City Clerk Emily Martin reported that all were current with their taxes. For Letting out of Motor Vehicles licensees, Ms. Martin reported that unpaid taxes letters had been sent to three licensees, but that all three had addressed the delinquencies. The Board voted unanimously to renew all the Open Air Parking, Letting out of Motor Vehicles, and Second Hand Dealer licenses, and voted unanimously to renew all auto repair licenses other than those of Penta Auto Body, Perfection Plus, and Pleasant Car Care.

Chair Doucette acknowledged the Board’s receipt of, and read into the record, an April 10, 2025 letter to the Board from unit owners at the River Edge Condominiums regarding Sunday

operations by Pleasant Car Care at 106 Pleasant Street and the owners' lack of notice of any Board hearing at which Sunday hours would have been approved. Some of the owners were present to explain the concerns in the letter. Chair Doucette noted that Sunday hours had been approved in December of 2024 and that, on review, she found the abutter notifications for that application hearing to be faulty. She stated that property across the street from a license location is, by definition, an abutting property. Chair Doucette stated her view that the December, 2024 decision was based on faulty information and that the Board would notify Pleasant Car Care that it must appear before Board again. She asked if the Board could notify Pleasant Car Care to stop Sunday operations. David Doneski, of City Attorney KP Law, stated his view that where there was no fault of the applicant the Board could not issue a cease and desist notice. Chair Doucette stated that the matter would be scheduled for July but that if there were any violations prior to that time the residents could make a complaint to the police, and that they could submit any comments to the Board in a letter if they were unable to appear in person for the July meeting.

One of the residents asked whether Watertown had a noise ordinance, and Chair Doucette stated yes. Board member Kasabian Hoffman noted that there is a 'see, click, fix' function on the City's website to make reports or complaints. One of the residents stated they also had concerns regarding truck operations and parking. After the discussion, the Board voted unanimously to renew the Pleasant Car Care auto repair license.

Chair Doucette acknowledged the Board's receipt of a March 7, 2025 letter from the Zoning Enforcement Officer regarding parking and storage operations issues with the Perfection Plus and Pleasant Car Care businesses. Chair Doucette commented that the letter seemed to present a show cause hearing issue. The Board voted unanimously to renew the Perfection Plus and Pleasant Car Care auto repair licenses for a limited period of three months, and to consult with the Zoning Enforcement Officer to schedule a show cause hearing in July.

## 7. Comments by Board and Police Department

Board member Kasabian Hoffman inquired about the status of the West on Main restaurant. Asst. City Clerk Emily Martin stated her understanding that it was close to the opening date.

Start: 7:16PM  
End: 8:59PM



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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

Watertown Yacht Club, Inc.  
425 Charles River Road  
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the notice and application of the Watertown Yacht Club, Inc., holder of an All Alcohol Club Beverage License exercised at 425 Charles River Road, on the matters of a change in its officers and directors, and a change of manager of the licensed premises.

Ralph Levy, clerk of the corporation, and Steven J. Lydon, the proposed manager, appeared in support of the application.

Mr. Levy explained that the club changes officers every year and tries to change the bar manager every four years. The new manager is Steven Lydon. Each year, the club elects a new second vice president (the rear commodore), the current second vice president becomes the first vice president, and the first vice president becomes president. The club also elects two directors for two years, so that there are usually three people changing responsibilities. This year, the new bar manager will become the second vice president.

Mr. Lydon stated that he has bartending experience and is TIPS certified. He has worked at social clubs in Watertown, the yacht club and Marine Corps detachment.

Mr. Levy noted that the bar is open on club meeting nights, the second Thursday, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. It is also open for club events, such as first Friday events, to club members. The bar is typically not open to the public; rental events at the club are for members only. The bar manager is not a full-time position; the bar is only open four times in a typical month. The club has other TIPS certified bartenders, some of which are club members. There are no under-age club members.

Sgt. Lewis stated that the Police Department had no objection to the change of officers and directors, and manager.

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve the change of officers and directors, as follows: Paul V. Dubiel, Jr. – president, Howard M. Hecht – vice president, Steven J. Lydon – vice president, Thomas J. Lynch IV – treasurer, Ralph Levy – clerk/secretary, Kerrie B. Harthan – director, Glenn R. Headley – director, Eric A. Markarian – director, Carlos S. Ruperti – director.

The Licensing Board also voted unanimously to approve Steven J. Lydon as manager of the licensed premises.

Bar Cino Watertown, Inc.  
d/b/a Bar Cino  
47 Main Street  
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Bar Cino Watertown, Inc. d/b/a Bar Cino for approval of a change of manager of its premises at 47 Main Street licensed for all alcohol common victualer service.

Gary Morrison, regional manager of Newport Restaurant Group, and Vadim Matveev - general manager of the restaurant and the proposed new manager, appeared in support of the application.

Mr. Matveev stated that he has been in the restaurant/hospitality business for 20 years, and has worked at Chateau Restaurant, Buffalo Wild Wings, and Boston Beer Works, including at the Fenway Park and Boston Garden venues. He is currently the general manager for the restaurant and will be taking over for the former manager.

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

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Matveev as manager, subject to the following conditions:

1. The new manager, Vadim Matveev, 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 alcohol certifications shall be maintained by the licensee and be available for review upon request.
2. All other conditions of the license shall remain in place.

Nice to Meet You Inc.  
d/b/a Boxfish  
611-613 Mt. Auburn Street  
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Nice to Meet You Inc. d/b/a Boxfish for a Common Victualer License and an All Alcohol Common Victualer License to be exercised at 611-613 Mt. Auburn Street.

Manita Bunnagitkarn, president, appeared in support of the application.

Ms. Bunnagitkarn stated that she had been planning a space for a second restaurant in the city, as a seafood venue. She has been operating the Cha Yen Thai restaurant [currently at 620 Mt. Auburn Street] for 10 years, and has 15 years of experience in the hotel industry.

Chair Doucette noted that the license that would be issued is one of the two additional licenses for the Coolidge Square area authorized by special act of the Legislature (Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2016), and which has a higher application and renewal fee and is not transferable. Ms. Bunnagitkarn responded that she understood. She also stated that she is TIPS certified, and that all servers are required to be certified. Ms. Bunnagitkarn explained that the restaurant will not open until ABCC approval for the alcohol license is issued, and that Chanachok Sirisakathaporn, named in the application, will be the designated manager.

The Building and Fire Departments and Zoning Enforcement Officer reported no objection to the application; and the Health Department reported that a food permit application was pending.

Sgt. Lewis stated that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the requested licenses, provided that the conditions stated in items 1 through 5 below were imposed.

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

1. The description of the premises is as follows: full service restaurant with equipped kitchen; dining room; two bathrooms on first floor (one handicap accessible); basement for dry storage; approximately 950 square feet, not including basement; two entrances, and two exits at rear.
2. The hours of operation will be Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
3. The number of seats is 17 total, as shown on the plan submitted (shaded schematic drawing, with labels for front entrance and exit, restroom, and ADA restroom).
4. The manager, Manita Bunnagitkarn, all bartenders and servers shall attend and successfully complete an alcohol awareness training program (e.g., TIPS) within 90 days of hire or expiration of certification.
5. Copies of all alcohol awareness training certifications shall be forwarded to the City Clerk's office.
6. Issuance of a food establishment permit by the Health Department.