



Licensing Board
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Minutes April 20, 2017

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. SPECIAL LICENSES:
 - Project Bread/Walk For Hunger May 7, 2017 Approved 3-0
One Day Walk a thon
 - Watertown Arts on the Charles, Inc. d/b/a the Arsenal Center for the Arts May 6, 2017 Approved 3-0
One Day Entertainment License
 - Greek Orthodox church Taxiarch/Hellinic Cultural Center May 5, 2017 Approved 3-0
One Day All Alcohol License/Dancing with the Stars
1. Watertown Arts on the Charles, Inc.
d/b/a The Arsenal Center for the Arts Approved 3-0
321 Arsenal Street
Change of Corporate Name
2. Taha Grill LLC Approved 3-0
d/b/a two Watertown Mediterranean Cuisine
2 Watertown Street
Change of DBA Name
3. Yere 1, Inc. d/b/a Yere 1 Restaurant Continued to May 18, 2017
6 Bigelow Ave.
Transfer of All Alcohol Common Victualler
4. BHOP Food Inc. Approved 3-0
115 Galen Street
New Common Victualler License
5. Wake Me Up, Inc. d/b/a Cha Yen Approved 3-0
611-613 Mt. Auburn Street
BYOB
6. Dizin Fruttiberri Approved 3-0
127 Mt. Auburn Street
New Common Victualler License

7. The Aegean Restaurant II, Inc.
d/b/a The Aegean Restaurant
60 Indian Head Road
Framingham, MA 01701
Status Hearing (continued from February 16, 2017) Continued to June 15, 2017
8. Amendments to its Rules and Regulations regarding issuance and use of Taxi Medallions
9. McCue's Taxi, Watertown Yellow Cab, Inc. Approved 3-0
Consideration for approval of Inactive status of Medallions
10. Livery/Limousine Renewals Expire 3/31 Approved 3-0
20 licenses; **20** vehicles
11. Storage of Flammable - Certificate of Registration Renewals Approved 3-0
licenses **26** Renewed **1** Did Not Renew

Donna B. Doucette, Chairman

Present: Donna B. Doucette, George Newman, Steve Aylward

The Dorothy and Charles Mosesian
Center for the Arts, Inc.
321 Arsenal Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Watertown Arts on the Charles, Inc. d/b/a Arsenal Center for the Arts, holder of an all alcohol general on-premises license exercised at 321 Arsenal Street, for approval of a change in its corporate name to The Dorothy and Charles Mosesian Center for the Arts, Inc. Sean Dooley, director of theater operations, appeared on behalf of the licensee.

Mr. Dooley explained that when the Center for the Arts was built a donation from the Mosesians had supported the construction. Recently, the Center received another donation, from the Mosesian children, who asked that the Center be named after Dorothy and Charles.

The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the change of name.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve the change of corporate name.

Taha Grill, L.L.C.
d/b/a Jana Grill and Bakery
Two Watertown Street
Watertown, MA 01742

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Taha Grill, L.L.C. d/b/a 2 Watertown Mediterranean Cuisine, holder of a Common Victualler License to be exercised at Two Watertown Street, for a change of its d/b/a name to Jana Grill and Bakery.

Suren Keryan, manager of the LLC, appeared on behalf of the licensee. Mr. Keryan stated that the planned renovations to the licensed premises are still underway, in preparation for the initial opening. At this time, the licensee would like to change its d/b/a name, before business begins.

The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the change of name.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve the change of d/b/a name to Jana Grill and Bakery.

Yere 1, Inc.
d/b/a Yere 1 Restaurant
43 Rando Lane
Waltham, MA 02451

Notice is hereby given that the Watertown Licensing Board has continued its hearing on the application of Yere 1, Inc. d/b/a Yere 1 Restaurant for a transfer to it of the all alcohol common victualler license held by The Aegean Restaurant II d/b/a The Aegean Restaurant, the transferred license to be exercised at 6 Bigelow Avenue.

The continued hearing on this matter will be held on May 18, 2017 at 7:15 p.m. in the Philip Pane Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA.

BHOP Food, Inc.
39 Buffum Street, Apt. #1
Salem, MA 01970

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of BHOP Food, Inc. for a Common Victualler License to be exercised at 115 Galen Street.

David Lopez, president appeared in support of the application, together with Theodore Efstathiou, owner of the prior corporation exercising a common victualler license at the property (T.C.E. Food, Inc.).

Mr. Lopez stated that he is taking over operation of the current Boston House of Pizza, and no menu changes are planned. He noted that he has several years of experience in the pizza business.

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

The Health Department reported that a plan review application for the premises is currently underway.

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

1. The description of the licensed premises shall be: approximately 1,095 square feet of floor area, to include a basement for storage, front entrance/exit, rear entrance/exit for deliveries.
2. The hours of operation shall be Monday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Sunday noon to 9:00 p.m.
3. Seating capacity shall be 18 seats, as shown on the plan submitted (refer to sketch floor plan entitled "115 Galen Street, Watertown, Boston House of Pizza" received in the office of the Town Clerk on December 6, 2011).
4. There shall be no alcoholic beverages on the premises.

Wake Me Up, Inc.
d/b/a Cha Yen
611-613 Mt. Auburn Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Wake Me Up, Inc. d/b/a Cha Yen for a BYOB permit to be exercised at the applicant's restaurant at 611-613 Mt. Auburn Street.

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

Ms. Bunnagitkarn stated that many restaurant customers have been requesting that they be able to bring alcoholic beverages to the restaurant. She noted that she has 2 TIPS training renewals, and has managed several establishments serving alcohol, including Finale at the Park Plaza in Boston.

The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the requested permit, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed.

The Fire Department reported that the occupancy load set by the Building Department must be strictly adhered to.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant a Bring Your Own Bottle permit, subject to the following conditions:

1. BYOB service is limited to wine and malt beverages only.
2. The hours of operation shall be Monday through Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.
3. BYOB service shall be limited to the hours of 12 noon until one half-hour prior to closing time.
4. The seating capacity shall not exceed 17, as shown on the plan submitted (annotated sketch plan received in the office of the Town Clerk on March 1, 2017).
5. The manager/owner, Manita Bunnagitkarn, shall ensure that all servers of alcoholic beverages are at least 21 years of age, successfully complete alcohol awareness training (e.g., TIPS), and demonstrate an understanding of the rules, regulations and ordinances associated with the exercise of a BYOB permit.
6. All servers of alcohol shall be properly trained in the proper resealing and bagging of partially consumed wine in accordance with the method designated in the regulations of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, as stated in 204 CMR 2.18.

Ali Toloui Rahimabadi
d/b/a Dizin Frutti Berri
55 Prides Crossing Road
Sudbury, MA 01776

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Ali Toloui Rahimabadi d/b/a Dizin Frutti Berri for a Common Victualler License to be exercised at 127 Mt. Auburn Street.

Mr. Ali Toloui Rahimabadi explained that the Licensing Board had approved a common victualler license, for an ice cream and frozen yogurt business at the premises, in October of 2016; however, he had not begun operations and did not know that he had to renew the license at the end of the year. At that time, he had left the country to visit his mother, and missed the renewal period. In response to a question from Board chairman Doucette, he stated that he agreed to obtain and read the Board's rules and regulations.

The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the requested license, provided that the conditions stated in items

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

1. The hours of operation shall be Tuesday through Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

2. The seating capacity shall be no more than 6, as shown on the plan submitted (sketch plan entitled: "Frutti Berri 127 Mt. Auburn St," received in the office of the Town Clerk on March 1, 2017).
3. There shall be no alcoholic beverages on the premises.
4. There shall be no physical changes to the premises.

The Aegean Restaurant II, Inc.
d/b/a The Aegean Restaurant
Attn. Chris Ntasios
60 Indian Head Road
Framingham, MA 01701

Notice is hereby given that the Watertown Licensing Board has continued the status hearing on the matter of the all alcohol common victualler license previously issued for your exercise at 640 Arsenal Street and the December 14, 2015 report of your attorney to the Board that your lease for the premises had been terminated, including the matter of a proposed transfer of the license. The status hearing was opened on January 21, 2016, continued to April 21, August 18, November 17, and December 15 2016, and further to February 16, and April 20, 2017.

On April 20, attorney Norman Kaplan appeared on behalf of the licensee, together with Chris Ntasios, president. He explained that an application for transfer of the license has been filed by Yere 1, Inc., and per action of the Board on April 20 will be heard on May 18, 2017.

The continued hearing on this matter will be held on June 15, 2017 at 7:15 p.m. in the Philip Pane Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA.

McCue's Taxi Watertown Yellow Cab, Inc.
7 Main Street
Watertown MA 02472

Re: Taxi Medallions for Hackney Carriage License

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the request of McCue's Taxi Watertown Yellow Cab, Inc. for approval under Section VIII.C.4.b of the Licensing Board's rules and regulations to maintain taxi medallions in inactive status for a period of more than two (2) consecutive years.

Sean McCue stated that there have been changes in the taxi industry as a result of the advent of ride-sharing businesses, such as Uber and Lyft. He noted that the Board's rules and regulations provide that if a medallion is inactive for more than two consecutive years, without prior written approval of the Board, it is subject to revocation and forfeiture. He asked that the Board approve inactive status for the medallions authorized for McCue's Taxi, as allowed under Section VIII.C.4.b of the rules and regulations. Mr. McCue stated that 21 medallions have been authorized for McCue's Taxi and requested that the Board grant inactive status approval for all of the medallions for a period of five years.

Sean McCue, president, and Matthew McCue appeared on behalf of McCue's Taxi Watertown Yellow Cab, Inc., holder of a hackney carriage license. After due consideration, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant an approval as follows: any of the 21 medallions authorized for issuance to McCue's Taxi may remain in inactive status for a period of five (5) years from the date of approval: April 20, 2017.