



Licensing Board
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Minutes April 19, 2018

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

SPECIAL LICENSES:

1. Special Licenses:

- Greater Boston Nepali Community/St. James 465 Mt. Auburn Street
One Day All Alcohol License/New Year's Eve Event April 21, 2018
Approved 3-0

Arjun Kunwar appeared in support of the application. He stated that the event is a celebration of the Nepali New Year, which is April 14, and will include cultural food, dance, and singers. It is an all-ages event. The caterer has obtained a food permit, and the alcohol server is TIPS certified. The alcohol service area will be separated in the hall, and there will be one crowd manager on site. The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Health and Fire Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Health and Fire Departments.

- St. James Erebuni Armenian School 465 Mt. Auburn Street Approved
One Day All Alcohol License/ Fundraiser May 12, 2018 3-0

Armine Manukyan, principal of the school, appeared in support of the application. She stated that the event is a fundraiser for the 30th anniversary of the school. Attendees will include teachers, parents, and alumni; it is an adults-only event. The program will include speakers, food, and entertainment. All tickets will be sold in advance. There will be a cash bar, and wristbands will be issued to identify eligible

purchasers. A food permit for the event has been obtained from the Health Department. Board chairman Doucette stated that the applicant will need to pay attention to attendee parking in the neighborhood. The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Building, Health and Fire Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Building, Health and Fire Departments.

- Taxiarchae Hellenic Cultural Center 25 Bigelow Ave Approved 3-0
One Day All Alcohol License/ Gathering April 21, 2018

Irene Apostolou Cobb, functions coordinator, appeared in support of the application. She stated that this will be an event for the Tigerian community, and that the same group rents the premises about twice a year. The event will include pot luck food and ethnic music. Estimated attendance is 250 persons, both adults and children. Alcohol purchasers must present identification at the bar. The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Building, Health and Fire Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Building, Health and Fire Departments.

- Taxiarchae Hellenic Cultural Center 25 Bigelow Ave Approved 3-0
One Day All Alcohol License/Fundraiser May 11, 2018

Irene Apostolou Cobb, functions coordinator, appeared in support of the application. She stated that the event is the Watertown Rotary Club's annual *Dancing with the Stars* fundraiser for education causes. Estimated attendance is 350 persons, all adults. Ms. Cobb stated that there is a pool of TIPS certified bartenders available to work the event. The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Health and Fire Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Health and Fire Departments.

- **Armenian Revolutionary Federation 47 Nichols Ave Approved 3-0
One Day All Alcohol License/ Fundraiser/Dance May 5, 2018**

Saro Safaian, co-chair of the event, appeared in support of the application. This is a fundraiser and dance to celebrate 100 years of Armenian independence. Estimated attendance is 300 persons. It is a ‘family-friendly’ event, and approximately one-third of the attendees will be children. Wristbands will be issued to identify eligible alcohol purchasers, and identification will also be checked at the bar. There will be two crowd managers on site. The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department’s written report. The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Building, Health and Fire Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Building, Health and Fire Departments.

- Watertown Farmers Market Approved 3-0
Entertainment License/June 7, 2018 through October 18, 2018

Stephanie Venizelos, manager for the market, appeared in support of the application. This will be the fifth year for the farmers market, and entertainment has been offered every year. The proposed entertainment is musicians, typically one at a time, offering acoustic selections. Hours for the market are 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and until 6:00 p.m. after Labor Day. Performance duration for the musicians will be a minimum of three hours and a maximum of five hours. Licensing Board clerk O'Neil reported that an application for a farmer-winery agricultural event alcohol license, from Carr's Ciderhouse, would be on the agenda for the Licensing Board's May meeting. The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Health and Fire Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Health and Fire Departments.

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| 3. | Dyer Quik Pik, Inc
40-42 Mt. Auburn Street
New Stockholder/Transfer of Stock | Approved 3-0 |
| 4. | Country Mile Food LLC
136 Belmont Street
Transfer of All Alcohol Common Victualer License | Approved 3-0 |
| 5. | KGM, LLC d/b/a Demos Restaurant
64 Mt. Auburn Street
Transfer of All Alcohol Common Victualer License | Approved 3-0 |
| 6. | The Escort Limousine Corporation
d/b/a Escort Limousine & Atlantic Coach
95 Arsenal Street
Show Cause Hearing | Continued to May 17, 2018 |
| 7. | Dionysus, LLC
d/b/a Dionysus
311 Arsenal Street
Status Hearing | Closed |
| 8. | Livery/Limousine Renewals Expire 3/31 17 vehicles (2 Not Renewing) | Approved 3-0 |

The Board voted to renew the licenses of the following applicants for renewal, being all the applicants.

- 1. Gregory Sarafian d/b/a D & G Sedan Service**
- 2. Victor Teixeira d/b/a Boston By Air**
- 3. Hasmik Yegiazarian d/b/a Luxury and Comfort Transport**
- 4. Vartkes Moushigian d/b/a J-M Limousine Service (2Vehicles)**
- 5. Madison Limousine Services, LLC (10Vehicles)**
- 6. City Wide Livery, LLC**
- 7. Celil Bayram d/b/a Lamazi Limousine**

9. Storage of Flammable - Certificate of Registration Renewals Expires
4/30 licenses **25** Renewed (1 Not renewed) Approved 3-0

The Board voted to renew the licenses of the 25 renewal applicants.

There were no separate comments from the Police Department or Licensing Board clerk.

7:20PM-9:30

Donna B. Doucette, Chairman

Present: Donna B Doucette, George Newman, Steven W Aylward,

Dyer Quik Pik, Inc.
40-42 Mt. Auburn Street
Watertown, MA 02172

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Dyer Quik Pik, Inc. for approval of a new stockholder and a transfer of stock in Dyer Quik Pik, Inc. as holder of a license for sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be consumed on the premises at 40-42 Mt. Auburn Street.

Attorney Thomas Truax appeared in support of the application, together with Girishkumar Patel, the proposed new stockholder and younger brother of Anil Patel, president and director.

Attorney Truax explained that there will be a stock transfer, by gift, from Anil to Girishkumar. There will be no other change in the operation of the business.

The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the proposed transfer of stock.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve a transfer of stock from Anil Patel, 100% owner, to result in a 49% interest held by Girishkumar Patel and a 51% interest held by Anil Patel.

Country Mile Food, LLC
102 Oxford Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Country Mile Food, LLC for a transfer to it of the All Alcohol Common Victualer License held by Dionysus, LLC for exercise at Kingsbury Avenue, with the transferred license to be exercised at 136 Belmont Street.

Attorney Patricia Farnsworth appeared in support of the application, together with Matthew Sargent, chef and owner, and corporate principals Steve Robinson and Carol King.

Attorney Farnsworth stated that Nancy Sargent is TIPS certified and that she and Matthew Sargent have prior food service industry experience. Mr. Sargent added that this will be his third restaurant venture with his wife. They ran a business in Vermont, with full food service and a bar, but moved back to Massachusetts two and a half years ago and have operated a 250-seat restaurant in Waltham. The proposed restaurant will be 28 seats, in an intimate setting, and will offer a small, seasonal menu. Mr. Sargent noted that the site was recently used as a kickboxing workout studio, so some alterations will be required. The plan is to be ready to open

in late July or early August, 2018. He stated that an architect and contractors have been retained for the necessary work.

Angeline Kounelis, East End District Councilor and resident within a block of the premises, commented that the site has had many uses over the last few years. She expressed concern regarding parking, with only three spaces in front of the building; and added that the site is in a heavily trafficked area. In particular, she noted concern regarding trolley traffic and the delivery schedule to the restaurant.

Mr. Sargent responded that there are 12 parking spaces behind the building; four of those have been allocated to the restaurant for constant use, and the adjacent veterinary office will allocate its spaces to the restaurant when the veterinary office is closed. As a result, it is expected that 12 spaces will be available for most of the time that the restaurant is open. He added that deliveries will take place in the rear and will number about one every couple of days. A pest control contract will be maintained throughout the year.

The Health Department reported that that the applicant must submit a food service plan review application, and all appurtenant information, to the department. The Zoning Enforcement Officer reported that the maximum number of seats for zoning compliance would be 28.

The Police Department reported that it had no objection to approval of the proposed transfer, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed, though with a maximum seating capacity of 35 persons.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve the transfer of the license, subject to the following conditions:

1. The description of the premises is as follows: approximately 1,198 square feet, full service restaurant and dining area, kitchen, two restrooms, front and rear entrances, 200 square foot basement for storage.
2. The hours of operation will be Monday through Saturday, 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
3. The maximum seating capacity will be 28 persons, per the plan submitted (plan entitled "136 Belmont St – floor plan sketch," sheet A101-2, dated 03/01/18, by Next Phase Studios).
4. The manager, Nancy Sargent, 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 be reviewable upon request.

KGM, LLC
c/o Emmanuel Maherakis, Manager
21 Keenan Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of KGM, LLC for a transfer to it of the All Alcohol Common Victualer License held by Delegas Brothers, Inc. d/b/a Demos Restaurant for exercise at 64 Mt. Auburn St., Watertown.

Attorney Ken Leitner appeared in support of the application. The principals of the corporation are Emmanuel Maherakis and Kostas Maherakis.

Attorney Leitner stated that Demos restaurant has had only three owners in 50 years of operation. In connection with the proposed transition, food preparation will no longer be permitted in the basement, per request of the Health Department. The basement will be used for storage only. The first floor of the premises will remain the same. In addition, all existing employees will be retained. Attorney Leitner commented that Kostas Maherakis has owned a fish market business at Faneuil Hall in Boston for 20 years. The goal for the Demos operation is a family business. Both Kostas and Emmanuel will obtain TIPS certification. In response to a question from the Board, Attorney Leitner stated that they do not have prior alcohol sales experience.

Attorney Leitner explained that a unisex, handicap accessible bathroom must be installed on the first floor. This accessibility issue was identified after the transfer application was submitted. He added that the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission has advised that the work for this bathroom will constitute an alteration of the premises; therefore, an application for approval of that alteration will be filed in the future. There will be no other kitchen or service area modifications. Attorney Leitner stated that he anticipated that ABCC approval of the transfer and the alteration of premises would be close in time, and the applicant will plan to close the restaurant and do all upgrades work at once. The estimated time frame for the work is one month.

The Health Department reported that that the premises must be brought up to current Food Code standards, and that a plan review application for the proposed renovations must be submitted to the department.

The Police Department reported that it had no objection to approval of the proposed transfer, provided that the conditions stated above were imposed.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve the transfer of the license, subject to the following conditions:

1. The description of the premises is as follows: approximately 1,650 square feet, full service restaurant and dining area, kitchen, two restrooms, front and rear entrances, full basement for storage.

2. The hours of operation will be Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., and Sunday, 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight. No alcohol shall be served on Sunday.
3. Seating shall be for 106 persons, as shown on the plan submitted (plan entitled "Demos Restaurant 64 Mount Auburn Watertown, MA – existing floor plans," Drawing Number A1, dated 02.01.18 by Avo Asdourian Architecture).
4. The manager, Emmanuel Maherakis, 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 be reviewable upon request.

The Escort Limousine Corporation
d/b/a Escort Limousine & Atlantic Coach
95 Arsenal Street
Watertown, MA 02472
Attn. Peter Cruza

The Watertown Licensing Board held a Show Cause Hearing, pursuant to its February 12 and April 2, 2018 letters, regarding failure to pay local taxes, fees, assessments and municipal charges relating to the operation of the shuttle/jitney license for Atlantic Coach at 95 Arsenal Street. Peter appeared at the hearing and reported that he had been speaking with the Town's Treasurer/Collector regarding a payoff of the amount owed, and that he was in the process of securing the funding for that payment. Peter stated that the process was expected to take three to four days, and he hoped to complete it by April 29. The amount in question was stated as approximately \$17,000. Further, Peter stated that he understood the license would not be renewed unless the Licensing Board received verification of payment.

The Licensing Board unanimously voted to continue the matter to its meeting of May 17, 2018 and informed him that the license would be renewed provisionally, subject to verification of payment from the Treasurer/Collector and would otherwise expire on May 30, 2018.

The continued hearing on this matter will be held on May 17, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. in the Philip Pane Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA.