



Licensing Board
TOWN OF WATERTOWN
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
149 Main Street
Watertown, Massachusetts 02472
TEL. (617) 972-6486
FAX (617) 972-6595

BOARD MEMBERS

DONNA B. DOUCETTE

SANDRA KASABIAN HOFFMAN

STEVEN W. AYLWARD

ALTERNATE MEMBER

MICHAEL E BRANGWYNNE

Minutes July 19, 2018

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

SPECIAL LICENSES:

1. Special Licenses:

- Taxiarchae/Hellenic Cultural Center Approved 2-0
One Day all Alcohol License/Birthday Party July 21, 2018

George Faggas appeared in support of the application. The event is a birthday party, and the renting group has used the facility once before. This will be a group of families. Identification will be checked at the time of alcohol purchase. The food will be on a pot luck basis, brought from the participants' homes. 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. Board chairman Doucette suggested that a means of identifying persons 21 years old and over be utilized. The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Building, Fire, and Health Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Building, Fire, and Health Departments.

- Taxiarchae/Hellenic Cultural Center Approved 2-0
One Day all Alcohol License/Birthday Party August 4, 2018

George Faggas appeared in support of the application. The event is a pot luck birthday party. 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, Fire, and Health Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Building, Fire, and Health Departments.

- Eritrean Cultural & Development Center/ACEC Approved 2-0
47 Nicholas Ave

One Day all Alcohol License/High School Grad Party July 21, 2018

Amanuel Estifanos and Haduma Dowitz appeared in support of the application. Licensing Board clerk Julie O’Neil confirmed that the ACEC is using its nonprofit status to be the sponsor of the event. The event is a high school graduation party, for multiple graduates, and mostly for Eritrean Americans residing in the Boston area. Parents will be present at the event. Wrist bands will be used to identify those of age to purchase alcohol. Previously, the event was hosted in Malden; this marks the 7th or 8th year for the event. The food will be on a pot luck basis. 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, Fire, and Health Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Building, Fire, and Health Departments.

3. Kangaroo Express Approved 2-0
354 Arsenal Street
Sale of Food at Retail License

4. Mixstirs Approved 2-0
311 Arsenal Street
Common Victualer License

5. The Escort Limousine Corporation
d/b/a Escort Limousine & Atlantic Coach Continued to August 16, 2018
95 Arsenal Street
Show Cause Hearing

Start: 7:35-8:45

Donna B. Doucette, Chairman

Present: Donna B. Doucette, Sandra Kasabian Hoffman

Independent Z, Inc.
d/b/a Kangaroo Express Market
354 Arsenal Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Independent Z, Inc. for a Sale of Food at Retail License to be exercised at 354 Arsenal Street.

Mr. Paul Zoummar, president, appeared in support of the application. Mr. Zoummar explained that the applicant owns the gasoline station at the subject property, which has been rebuilt to include a convenience store. The business will be entering into a franchising agreement with the Circle K corporation, which uses the Kangaroo brand name. The store will sell snacks, coffee, tobacco, hot dogs, ice cream and similar items, and also offer Massachusetts Lottery tickets. Mr. Zoummar stated that he had completed training for operations, and that two persons will be staffing the store, one per shift, and that there will be two persons who will pump gasoline. He noted that he also operates gas stations in Brighton and Quincy. Those locations include garages and sale of some convenience items.

Mr. Zoummar stated that there will be one to two deliveries per week, by trucks which are smaller than the gasoline delivery tank trucks.

The Fire Department reported that any renovations to the property will require all proper permits. The Health Department reported that the applicant had applied for a tobacco permit and food establishment review, both of which were currently under review. The Zoning Enforcement Officer reported that no video Lottery games/KENO will be permitted, that there shall be no seating in the premises, and there shall be no outdoor storage or display of merchandise for sale.

Sergeant Grady stated that the Police Department had no objection to the issuance of the requested license provided that the conditions stated below were imposed.

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

1. The description of the premises is approximately 600 square foot market, public bathroom, one entrance/exit.
2. The hours of operation shall be Monday through Sunday 5:00 am until 12 midnight.
3. There shall be no alcoholic beverages on the premises.

Tatiana Klimova
d/b/a Mixstirs
74 Beach Street, Unit 6-1
Woburn, MA 01801

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Tatiana Klimova d/b/a Mixstirs for a common victualer license to be exercised at 311 Arsenal Street inside the Boston Sports Club.

Ms. Klimova appeared in support of the application. Ms. Klimova stated that she has restaurant experience, as a manager, and this is her first business as owner. For the present, she will be the only employee/staff person, but is planning on hiring an employee in September of 2018.

The Health Department reported that a food service permit for the business has been issued.

Sergeant Grady stated that the Police Department had no objection to the issuance of the requested license provided that the conditions stated below were imposed.

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

1. The hours of operation shall be Monday through Sunday 6:00 am until 9:00 pm.
 2. There shall be seating for six at the bar, with two additional tables with eight seats. Total seating shall be 14, as shown on the plan submitted (drawing entitled "Juice Bar Plan" drawing SKA-1, dated 01-07-04 by Sasaki Associates.
 3. There shall be no alcoholic beverages on the premises.
6. Public Hearing on Amendment of Licensing Board's Rules and Regulations: Section IV.C.1, Restaurants and Commercial Clubs, Hours and Days of Operation; and Section IV.G, General On-Premises Licenses for Performing Arts Centers – correction of typographical errors.

Attorney William York was present, together with William McQuillan on behalf of BP Watertown Retail LLC, and Tom Wilder of the Wilder Companies. Counsel to the Board, David Doneski of KP Law, P.C., summarized the amendment to Section IV.C, as submitted by Attorney York. The amendment would provide for initial approval of 7-day licenses for restaurants and commercial clubs, eliminating the provisions in subsection IV.C.1.b limiting initial license approval to six days and requiring demonstration that the licensed establishment derives 60% or more of its gross revenues from the sale of food for the 12-month period preceding a request for approval of Sunday hours. The language of subsection IV.C.1.b regarding a 6-day license standard with the option to seek approval for Sunday hours would be replaced with language providing that licensees may operate from 12 noon to 12 midnight on Sundays. Attorney Doneski explained that the additional requested language regarding alcohol service starting at 10:00 am on Sundays

for brunch service could not be authorized because the applicable provision of the General Laws, section 33B of chapter 138, has not been accepted by the Town Council. Therefore, new paragraph b would include only the first sentence proposed: "Licensees may operate from 12 noon to 12 midnight on Sundays provided they have applied for and been issued a seven (7) day license by the Licensing Board." Attorney York stated that he would agree to deletion of the second sentence of proposed new subsection IV.C.1.b. Attorney York also spoke to a requested revision to Section V of the Rules and Regulations, insertion of the words "bowling alleys, cinemas" in the first paragraph of that section. Attorney Doneski stated that amendment of Section V could not be voted on at this time because the published notice of the public hearing did not identify Section V for possible amendment. Attorney York responded that if the language issue becomes relevant an additional amendment request could be submitted to the Board. District C Town Councilor Vincent Piccirilli stated that he supported the proposed change to Section IV.C. Board member Kasabian-Hoffman commented that she found it fairer to apply the change to the entire Town, rather than just the Watertown Arsenal corridor as was originally presented at the June 11 session of the public hearing. Sergeant Grady reported that the Police Department had no objection to the proposed change. The Board voted to amend its Rules and Regulations by replacing the language of subsection IV.C.1.b with the single sentence quoted above. Attorney Doneski identified the corrections required in Section IV.G, General On-Premises Licenses for Performing Arts Centers: change "Section F1" to "Section G1" in the first paragraph; and change "Section F.2.a" to "Section G.2.a" in subsection IV.G.2.b. The Board voted to correct the typographical errors as presented.