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Minutes October 18, 2018

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES September 20, 2018

SPECIAL LICENSES:

2. Special Licenses:

- Watertown Boys & Girls Club 25 WHITES AVE Approved 3-0
November 4, 2018 5K Road Race

John Labadini, board president, appeared in support of the application. The race event will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with an anticipated 300 participants. The race takes place over a defined route, which has been changed from years past in order to provide a flatter course with fewer hills. The route is shown in the application documents, and starts and finishes at the club. 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 Fire and Public Works Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments.

- Armenian Youth Foundation/ACEC 47 NICHOLS Approved 3-0
Fundraiser November 24, 2018

A representative of the foundation appeared in support of the application. The event has been held for approximately 15 years, and will include dinner and a cash bar. Alcohol will be stored in a locked cabinet in the kitchen at the ACEC. Tickets will be sold at the door, and different colored wristbands will be used to identify those attendees under 21 years old and those 21 and over. The attendance cap will be 350 to 400 persons,

within the capacity of the hall. A food permit application will be submitted, but vendor donations are also being taken. 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.

- Taxiarchae Hellenic Cultural Center 25 Bigelow Ave Approved 3-0
One Day all Alcohol License/ Engagement Party November 23, 2018

Irene Apostolou Cobb, manager of the Hellenic Center, appeared in support of the application. She is a certified crowd manager. The event will not have a caterer, as the families will be bringing their own food. Estimated attendance is 200 people. 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. Dans Road Service d/b/a Watertown Towing Approved 3-0
70 North Beacon Street
New Auto Repair License
4. McCue's Taxi, Watertown Yellow Cab, Inc. Continued to March 21, 2019
9 Main Street, Watertown
Status Hearing

Start: 7:30
End: 8:30

Donna B. Doucette, Chairman

Present: Donna B. Doucette, Sandra Kasabian Hoffman, Steven W Aylward

Dans Road Service, Inc.
d/b/a Watertown Towing
115 North Beacon Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Dans Road Service, Inc. d/b/a Watertown Towing for a motor vehicle repair license to be exercised at 70 North Beacon Street.

Attorney Tim McGoldrick appeared in support of the application, together with George and Pamela McGoldrick, secretary and president of the corporation. Attorney McGoldrick explained that the applicant operates an existing repair and towing business at 115 North Beacon Street, with the AAA (American Automobile Association) as the primary client. The site is adjacent to property of Varouj Badrikian, who operates another motor vehicle business. The applicant will expand its business to a location across the street, owned by Mr. Badrikian. It has entered into a five-year lease with a five-year extension option. The main work of the business involves tires, batteries, and brake repair.

The Fire Department reported that the applicant must file applications for the proper permits for storage of any flammables and acetylene torches.

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

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

1. The description of the licensed premises is as follows: approximately 2,678 square foot building on an approximately 10,000 square foot lot with parking for 12 vehicles, 9 outside and 3 inside.
2. The hours of operation shall be 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday; closed on Sunday.
3. The property located at 70 North Beacon Street shall be maintained by the licensee in accordance with all Town ordinances.
4. All deliveries and transfer of vehicles shall be made on the property at 70 North Beacon Street, and not on the public way.
5. No alcoholic beverages shall be allowed on the premises.

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

The Watertown Licensing Board held a status hearing on the matter of the transfer of the hackney carriage license held by McCue's Taxi, Watertown Yellow Cab, Inc. for exercise from 7 (9) Main Street to George Zaino, as approved on March 15, 2018, and the cessation of business by McCue's Taxi, Watertown Yellow Cab.

Sean McCue, president, appeared on behalf of the licensee. He explained that shortly after the license transfer was approved Mr. Zaino informed McCue's that he wanted to back out of the transaction. McCue's afforded Mr. Zaino some time to reconsider, but ultimately Mr. Zaino decided not to proceed. McCue's Taxi continued to operate the business while discussions with Mr. Zaino were ongoing, while also attempting to identify another potential transferee. Mr. McCue stated that the problem for the business is high expenses and decreased revenues on account of business lost to other transportation providers, such as Uber and Lyft. In the August/September time frame, the vehicle insurance bill was due, but McCue's could not sustain the expense. Operations ceased on August 24. He added that the business operated for a year at a loss. Technically, the business is still 'open,' but no vehicles are operating, and they are neither insured nor registered. At present, McCue's is undertaking a financial 'clean-up' and doing parts work on the vehicles in its fleet. At the same time, McCue's is still talking with other cab companies about a possible transfer.

Sergeant Grady reported that the Police Department had not received any direct communication or notice regarding closure of the business. Mr. McCue responded that he had spoken personally to the business's major account representatives.

The Board voted to continue the matter to March 21, 2019. The continued hearing on this matter will be held on March 21, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. in the Philip Pane Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA.