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MINUTES JANUARY 20, 2022

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 16, 2021 **Approved 3-0**

1. The Don's BBQ Catering LLC **Approved 3-0**
d/b/a The Don's BBQ
93 School Street
BYOB Permit
2. Elior, Inc. **Approved 3-0**
d/b/a Corporate Chefs, LLC
480 Pleasant Street
Common Victualer License
3. The Private Charles J. Shutt Detachment **Approved 3-0**
Marine Corps League
215 Mount Auburn Street
Change of Manager
4. Alexander G. de Souza **Continued to February 17, 2022**
d/b/a BH Market
107 Nichols Avenue
Wine and Malt Package Goods Store
5. Comments by Board Clerk and Police Department

Sgt. Swift reported that the Police Department had reviewed the licenses that were subject to renewal in December and had no objection.

Acting clerk Noelle Gilligan reported that there had been inquiry regarding Sunday morning service for on-premises alcohol licensees. Attorney David Doneski of City Attorney, KP Law stated that such service may be approved under section 33B of Chapter 138 of the General Laws and the statute requires acceptance by a city or town. Acceptance is by the legislative body, and in Watertown that is the City Council Council and there has been no acceptance to this point. Board chair Doucette stated that the Board would await action by the City Council before considering a change in the Board's regulations.

Start: 7:15PM
End: 8:01PM

Donna B. Doucette, Chairman

Present: Donna B. Doucette, Sandra Kasabian-Hoffman, John Labadini, Jim Tsekrekas
Also Present: Noelle Gilligan – acting clerk, Watertown Police Sgt. Ken Swift,
Attorney David Doneski

The Don's BBQ Catering LLC
f/k/a The BBQ Don LLC and
d/b/a The Don's BBQ
280 Nevada Street
Newtonville, MA 02460

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of The Don's BBQ Catering LLC f/k/a The BBQ Don LLC and d/b/a The Don's BBQ for a BYOB permit to be exercised at 93 School Street.

Sebastian DiFelice, manager of the LLC, appeared in support of the application.

Mr. DiFelice stated that he has had several requests from guests regarding alcoholic beverages at the premises. He did not want to apply for a full license, so is therefore requesting a BYOB permit to accommodate customers. He noted that he tended bar for several years at the Sons of Italy in Newton, and at catering events he has worked in his career. In response to a question from the Board, Mr. DiFelice stated that recently dine-in business has fallen off because of the COVID pandemic. Prior to that, 30-40% of customers were asking about bringing in beer or wine. Before emergence of the Omicron variant, the customer breakdown was about 60/40 – takeout versus dine-in.

Sgt. Swift reported that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the permit, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed. He also noted that he had visited the premises and Mr. DiFelice identified the procedure to be followed for handling of alcohol.

Mr. DiFelice explained that the limits will be 24 ounces of beer or one bottle of wine per customer; that customers will hand beverages to him on arrival and he will use a locked refrigerator, to which only he will have a key. When customers request the beverage, he will provide it together with a glass. A sign regarding the BYOB process will be posted at the front counter.

Chair Doucette commented that the hours requested were less than the approved common virtualer license hours, and Mr. DiFelice stated that the hours requested were his current hours of operation. Chair Doucette explained that if there is a future desire to exercise the BYOB permit

during the full common victualer license hours further approval of the Licensing Board would be required, and Mr. DiFelice responded that the only day that might be affected is Sunday but that he was comfortable with the BYOB hours requested.

The Building, Fire, and Health Departments, and the Zoning Enforcement Officer had no comment.

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant a BYOB permit, subject to the following conditions:

1. The BYOB service is limited to wine and malt only.
2. The hours of operation shall be Tuesday through Friday 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
3. Seating capacity shall be no more than 30 guests.
4. The manager, Sebastian DiFelice, 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 conditions of this permit.
5. All servers of alcohol shall be trained in the proper resealing and bagging of partially consumed wine in accordance with the method designated in the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission regulations, as stated in 204 CMR 2.18.

Elior, Inc.
d/b/a Corporate Chefs, LLC
39 Olympia Avenue Suite 2
Woburn, MA 01801

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Elior, Inc. d/b/a Corporate Chefs LLC for a Common Victualer License to be exercised at 480 Pleasant Street.

Lori Bramble, licensing administrator for Corporate Chefs, appeared in support of the application.

Ms. Bramble explained that Corporate Chefs operates food service in single and multi-tenant buildings. It runs about 100 cafés on the U.S. east coast. For this location, it would be for building tenants and their guests, not service to the general public. The cafeteria is not accessible from outside the building. The building population at normal occupancy level would be about 400 people, but is currently at about 60 on account of the COVID pandemic. Building management wants to re-open the food service, starting on January 31. The majority of service will be grab and go items, but no self-serve. There will be some cook-to-order items. Present

staffing is one person, a chef manager, and if the building goes back to full occupancy the expectation is that there will be two to three additional persons working. A Health Department site inspection is expected for next week. The chef-manager's name and credentials information were provided to the Health Department.

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

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant a Common Victualer License, subject to the following conditions:

1. The description of the licensed premises is as follows: an estimated 3,675 square feet, consisting of service and storage areas with kitchen area and café area, for use only by building tenants.
2. Seating capacity will be 60 seats.
3. The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
4. There shall be no alcoholic beverages on the premises.

The Private Charles J. Shutt Detachment
Marine Corps League
215 Mount Auburn Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of the Private Charles J. Shutt Detachment Marine Corps League for approval of a change in the manager of its premises at 215 Mt. Auburn Street licensed for all alcohol club beverage service.

Peter Coen, the proposed manager, appeared in support of the application.

Mr. Cohen reported that the previous manager had died. Mr. Coen has work experience of five to six years at Orchard Park Grill, and at the VFW for a few years; he has worked at the Shutt Detachment for about 3 years.

Sergeant Swift reported that the Police Department had no objection to the change in manager, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed.

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve the change in manager subject to the following conditions:

1. The manager, Edward Peter Coen, all bartenders and waitstaff shall attend and successfully complete an alcohol awareness training program (e.g., TIPS) within 90 days of hire or expiration of certification.
2. The licensee shall maintain a list of all current members and guests and must present said list to any authorized representative or agent of the Watertown Licensing Board.
3. The licensee shall maintain a list of all employees authorized to sell alcohol as well as their TIPS certifications and must present said list to any authorized representative or agent of the Watertown Licensing Board.

Alexander G. de Souza
d/b/a BH Market
107 Nichols Avenue
Watertown, MA

The Watertown Licensing Board continued its hearing on the application of Alexander G. de Souza d/b/a BH Market for a Wine and Malt Package Goods Store License to be exercised at 107 Nichols Avenue. The hearing was originally scheduled for January 20, 2022, and the applicant requested a continuance in order to complete the presentation information in support of the application.

The continued hearing was scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2022.