



Licensing Board
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MINUTES FEBRUARY 17, 2022

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: JANUARY 20, 2022

Approved 3-0

1. Special Licenses:

- Armenian Youth Federation
Dance and Reception at ACEC
One Day all Alcohol License

Approved 3-0

47 Nichols Avenue
February 19, 8:00pm - midnight

Kevork Hamparian appeared on behalf of the applicant, and explained that this dance and reception event is a fundraiser for the organization, with food, a performer and bar. COVID and identification checks will take place at the door; attendees will be given a wristband – one for those 21 and over, and one for those under 21. Wristbands will be used for the two weekend events that are part of the fundraiser. There will be three check-in monitors at the door at a time, to check id's, COVID status, and ticket status. The plan for alcohol service is to use four bartenders, who will be TIPS certified. Chair Doucette commented that the TIPS certifications for the bartenders should be submitted to the clerk. Mr. Hamparian noted that there is a parking lot across the street from the building, but that the majority of attendees will be bused to the site from a hotel. Two buses will shuttle back and forth during the evening. Sgt. Swift reported that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police Department.

- 2. Alexander G. de Souza**
d/b/a BH Market
107 Nichols Avenue
Wine and Malt Package Goods Store License

Leave to Withdraw granted 3-0

3. Comments by Board Clerk and Police Department

Attorney David Doneski of City Attorney, KP Law reported that on February 8 the City Council voted to accept section 33B of Chapter 138 of the General Laws, which authorizes alcohol sales by on-premises licensees from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Sundays if the local licensing authority so approves. The Board's regulations currently limit the Sunday start of alcohol service to noon, so an amendment would be the appropriate course if the Board elects to utilize the statutory authorization.

Board member Tsekrekas asked if the Board could approve a later start date, such as 11:00 a.m. Attorney Doneski responded that in his view the statute would allow that.

Acting clerk Noelle Gilligan stated that most of the licensees who had inquired about earlier Sunday service are those that serve brunch.

Chair Doucette requested that language be prepared for discussion at the Board's next meeting, in March, and that a public hearing could be scheduled.

Acting clerk Gilligan asked whether the Board would accept applications for earlier Sunday service hours contingent upon approval of an amendment to the Board's regulations. Chair Doucette stated that where amendments are typically reviewed at the end of a meeting, she would recommend that applications be scheduled for the Board's April meeting. Members Kasabian-Hoffman and Tsekrekas stated they agreed.

Member Kasabian-Hoffman noted that she would not be attending the Board's April meeting.

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The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider 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. At that time, the Board acknowledged receipt of a request to withdraw the application. The Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant leave to withdraw the application without prejudice.

Start: 7:15PM
End: 7:40PM

Donna B. Doucette, Chairman

Present: Donna B. Doucette, Sandra Kasabian-Hoffman, Jim Tsekrekas

Also Present: Noelle Gilligan – acting clerk, Watertown Police Sgt. Ken Swift,
Attorney David Doneski