



Licensing Board
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MINUTES JUNE 16, 2022

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: MAY 19, 2022 Approved 3-0

1. Special Licenses:

- St. James Armenian Church** **Approved 3-0**

Special One-Day Alcohol License for Wedding Event June 19, 2022
456 Mt. Auburn Street

John (Hovannes) Piranosian, the facilities manager for the church, appeared on behalf of the applicant. The event is a wedding reception. The bartenders will issue wristbands to those persons aged 21 and over after checking identification. It will be the rental party that will furnish TIPS certified bartenders. 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 a report from the Health Department. The Board voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police Department.

- St. James Armenian Church** **Approved 3-0**

Special One-Day Alcohol License for Pre-Wedding Event June 29, 2022
456 Mt. Auburn Street

John (Hovannes) Piranosian, the facilities manager for the church, appeared on behalf of the applicant. The event is a pre-wedding gathering, with expected attendance of 400 people, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Maximum capacity of the church's main hall is 662. Persons 21 and over will be issued wristbands after an id check. Chair Doucette commented that the church did not have parking capacity for 400 people, and asked how parking would be handled. Mr. Piranosian responded that the church has previously hosted an event with 500 people. Chair Doucette stated that guests should be informed to pay attention to where they are parking in order to avoid neighborhood disruption. 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 a report from the Health Department. The Board voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police Department.

- St. James Armenian Church

Approved 3-0

Special One-Day Alcohol License for Nepali Thread Ceremony

July 2, 2022

456 Mt. Auburn Street

John (Hovannes) Piranosian, the facilities manager for the church, appeared on behalf of the applicant. He explained that the thread ceremony is a cultural event, and will include children. Wristbands will be issued to persons 21 and over and will be used to determine who is eligible to purchase alcohol. 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 a report from the Health Department. The Board voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police Department.

- St. James Armenian Church

Approved 3-0

Special One-Day Alcohol License for Wedding Shower

July 16, 2022

456 Mt. Auburn Street

John (Hovannes) Piranosian, the facilities manager for the church, appeared on behalf of the applicant and described the event. Chair Doucette noted that there is a per year limit of 30 special licenses for an applicant, and that all the applications considered and approved at this meeting would count against the church's limit. Mr. Piranosian stated that he believed the rental group would be using the church's kitchen facilities to cook food for the event and that he would obtain the particular details. 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 a report from the Health Department. The Board voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police Department.

2. Chfeur, LLC

Approved 3-0

33 Fifield Street

Livery/Limousine License

3. Watertown Yacht Club, Inc.

Approved 3-0

425 Charles River Road

Change of Officers, Directors and Manager

4. Spring License Renewals

Licensing Board Clerk Mariela Escobar reported that there were no liens or other Town department issues for any of the renewal applicants. The Board voted unanimously to renew the licenses for those applying for renewal: second-hand dealers (3); motor vehicle repair (45); open-air parking spaces (7); and letting out of motor vehicles (2).

5. Comments by Board Clerk and Police Department

There were no comments.

Start: 7:16PM
End: 8:06PM

Donna B. Doucette, Chairman

Present: Donna B. Doucette, Sandra Kasabian-Hoffman, John Labadini, Jim Tsekrekas
Also Present: Licensing Board clerk Mariela Escobar, Attorney David Doneski

Chfeur, LLC
33 Fifield Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Chfeur, LLC for a livery/limousine license to be exercised from 33 Fifield Street.

Kemal Dogru, an authorized signatory for the LLC, appeared in support of the application together with Halil Aslan, the other signatory.

Mr. Dogru stated that the applicant currently subcontracts with a Boston-based transportation company and also has private clients, including a Watertown company, and that it will transport executives to and from Logan Airport. It is requesting a license in order to be able to pick up passengers at the airport. The company currently takes passengers to the airport, but needs the license to do pick-up at the airport. Both he and Mr. Aslan have experience in the transportation business; they both reside at the Fifield Street address. There will be two cars used in the business, and they have the property owner's permission to operate the business from the property. For now, they are only doing corporate-based airport travel and are not anticipating expansion of the business at this time. Mr. Dogru stated that he had spoken to Sgt. Swift and informed him there would be two vehicles used for the license, and that the Police Department had informed him there would be an inspection of the property following action by the Licensing Board.

The Police Department reported it had no objection to approval of the requested modification, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed.

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve the requested license, subject to the following conditions:

1. The license shall be limited to pre-arranged transportation of persons rather than on-the-street pick up of persons.
2. The licensee shall maintain a current motor vehicle driving record of all employees hired as a driver of any motor vehicle to be used in connection with the license.
3. If any driver for the licensee is cited for more than three moving violations or is involved in more than one surchargeable accident in a 12-month period, he/she shall be required, within 90 days of exceeding those limits, to attend a defensive driving training course.
4. The licensee shall keep all records on file and they shall be made available for review by any agent of the Licensing Board.
5. The license is for two vehicles, to be parked at 33 Fifield Street as shown on the plan submitted (annotated copy of Watertown Assessors' Map sheet).

Watertown Yacht Club, Inc.
425 Charles River Road
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the notice and application of the Watertown Yacht Club, Inc., holder of an All Alcohol Club Beverage License exercised at 425 Charles River Road, on the matters of a change in its officers and directors, and a change of manager of the licensed premises.

Carlos Ruperti, vice president, appeared in support of the application.

Mr. Ruperti outlined the changes in the corporation's officers and directors, and explained that he would be serving as bartender and supervisor. He stated that he is the incoming Rear Commodore of the club. There is a change of officers every year and the bar manager is also subject to an annual change, which is a new policy moving forward. Mr. Ruperti stated there are seven bartenders at the club and all are TIPS certified. He will also obtain certification. As a member of the club since 2008, he has held the position of chair of the bar area. The bar manager responsibilities include inventory and related functions and ensuring the

premises are properly staffed for events. Mr. Ruperti noted that the club has other TIPS certified servers as well.

The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the change of officers and directors, and manager.

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve the change of officers and directors, as follows: Thomas J. Lynch, IV – president, Frederick K. Heim, Jr. – vice president, Carlos S. Ruperti – vice president, David M. Balducci – treasurer, Howard M. Hecht – clerk/secretary, Jamie Maxant – director, Ralph Torchio – director, Mark Butts – director, Joseph Ballow – director, Robert M. Balducci - director.

The Licensing Board also voted unanimously to approve Carlos S. Ruperti as manager of the licensed premises.