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MINUTES DECEMBER 15, 2022

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 17, 2022 Approved 3-0

1. Special Licenses

- **Balwinder Gill, St. James Armenian Church Approved 3-0**
Special All Alcohol License – Wedding Reception
465 Mt. Auburn Street, December 21

Chair Doucette reviewed the elements of the application. Anticipated attendance is 200 persons, of all ages; hours of 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.; bartender TIPS certifications, crowd manager certification, and insurance information is included. John Piranosian, facilities manager, appeared in support of the application. He stated that all persons will be asked to show identification, and wristbands will be issued by bartenders to confirm those who are 21 years of age or older. 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.

- **Ani Zargarian, Armenian Revolutionary Foundation Approved 3-0**
Special All Alcohol License – New Year's Eve Banquet
Armenian Cultural and Educational Center, 47 Nichols Avenue
December 31

Chair Doucette reviewed the elements of the application. The banquet is promoted as a family event; estimated attendance is 300 persons, of all ages; hours of 7:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. (subject to approval of extended hours); certificate of liability insurance, room layout, bartender TIPS certifications and crowd manager certification information are included. Ani Zargarian appeared in support of the application. She stated that the ARF is a political organization and has hosted a New Year's Eve event for the last 70 years. The event is a fundraiser for the Armenian Cultural Association. Ms. Zargarian noted that she is a certified crowd manager, and confirmed there will be two bartenders, with three total persons assigned for alcohol service, who will be supplied by the caterer, Ani Catering. Ms. Zargarian added that she personally would be checking attendees' identification at the entrance and that bracelets would be given to persons 21 years of age and older. Drink tickets will be sold

separately and must be presented at the bar, and the purchaser must also show the i.d. bracelet. 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, for the hours of 7:00 p.m. to midnight.

- **Ani Zargarian, Armenian Revolutionary Foundation Approved 3-0**
Extended Hours for Special All Alcohol License
New Year's Eve Banquet
Armenian Cultural and Educational Center, 47 Nichols Avenue
January 1, 2023

Chair Doucette reviewed the elements of the application, noting that it was a request for extended hours, until 2:00 a.m., for the special license just granted to the applicant. The Board voted to approve the extended hours, from 12:00 midnight to 2:00 a.m.

2. License Renewals for 2023 Approved 3-0

All Alcohol Common Victualer 6 Day	6
All Alcohol Common Victualer 7 Day	20
All Alcohol Common Victualer 7 Day (under chapter 73, Acts of 2016)	7
All Alcohol Package Goods	8
All Alcohol Club	7
All Alcohol Club, veterans	1
Common Victualer	98
Wine & Malt Common Victualer 7 Day	7
Wine & Malt Package Goods	6
General on Premises/ All alcohol (under Chapter 73, Acts of 2016)	2
BYOB	1
Innholders License	1
Innholder under Chapter 73, Acts of 2016	1
24-Hour Opening	2
Sale of Food at Retail	2
Entertainment License, 6 Day	17
Sunday Entertainment License	5
Automatic Amusement Device	2
Music Box	2
Class I Auto Dealer	5
Class II Auto Dealer	13

Chair Doucette noted for the record that there were two non-renewals, for facilities that had closed: Dyer's Diner, Inc, d/b/a New York Diner, and AVR Plus, Inc. d/b/a Alpha Omega Auto Body of Watertown. She also stated that names and license status were included in the Board's meeting packet.

Before approving renewal of the all alcohol common victualer license of Bar Cino Watertown, Inc. d/b/a Bar Cino, for which a license transfer had been approved in August of 2021, for premises at Main Street, but which has not yet opened for business, the Board heard from representatives of the licensee. Gary Morrison, the regional manager of Newport Restaurant Group, and Bryan Parkin, the designated acting general manager for the establishment. Mr. Morrison stated that the construction/fit-up was still on track with the schedule, and that the building is to be turned over to the licensee on January 30, 2023. He added that a full management team has been hired and trained, that there are 15 back-of-house employees in training, and that there are approximately six front-of-house employees at other units of the company that will transfer to the Watertown location for the opening. There is a March target date for the opening. Mr. Morrison presented build-out information, including a floor plan, street view of the facade, and drawings of the outdoor patio and open kitchen design. He reported that the contractor has gutted out the interior dividing walls of the restaurant space, which was previously occupied by Stellina. Mr. Morrison stated the licensee has worked with the DPW for a new water supply and sprinkler system; and he noted that once plumbing and electrical installation is completed the rest of the work is expected to proceed fairly quickly. He also stated that the licensee has installed a new HVAC system. The vote to renew was 3-0.

Before the Board renewed the all alcohol common victualer license for Ole Tapas, LLC d/b/a Ole Canalla, for which a license had been approved in May of 2022 but which is not yet open for business, Chair Doucette noted there was an active building permit and that the licensee had submitted a food permit plan to the Health Department earlier this month. The plan is under review, though final inspections are not yet set. The opening is anticipated for spring of 2023. The vote was 3-0. Chair Doucette also requested that the licensee be asked to appear at the Board's February meeting for a status report.

Start: 7:35PM

End: 7:53PM

Donna B. Doucette, Chairman

Present: Donna B. Doucette, Sandra Kasabian-Hoffman, Jim Tsekrekas
Also Present: Head Clerk, City Clerk's Office - Noelle Gilligan,
Watertown Police Sgt. Ken Swift