



*Licensing Board*  
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**MINUTES JANUARY 19, 2023**

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 15, 2022,

Approved 3-0

JANUARY 10, 2023

Approved 3-0

**1. Special Licenses**

- **Arsenal Yards, 130 Arsenal Yards BLVD** Approved 3-0  
**One Day Entertainment - 'Pop-up' Music Series**  
**February 1 – December 31**

Jessica Peterson, marketing director, appeared in support of the application. She stated that this request is for a third year of the Arsenal Yards pop-up music series. She explained that the previous year's programming had included kids' concerts and community experiences. The programs take place on the River Green area, the sidewalk adjacent to Ben & Jerry's, and Bond Square. A location sketch map was submitted with the application. All events will be staffed by Arsenal Yards site management personnel; no alcohol will be served. The goal of the series is to create a community experience. Hours during which events will be held are 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Board member Kasabian-Hoffman asked if there would be traffic control personnel, and Ms. Peterson stated yes. Acting Clerk Gilligan stated that there were no comments from the Health and Fire Departments and the Zoning Enforcement Officer. 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. Not Your Average Joe's**  
**55 Main Street**  
**Change of Manager**

Approved 3-0

- 3. Shiraz Cuisine, Inc.**  
**72 Bigelow Avenue**  
**Change of Manager**

Approved 3-0

4. Watertown Family Liquor Store, Inc.  
d/b/a Gordon's Fine Wine & Liquors  
92 Arsenal Yards Boulevard  
**Change of Officers and Directors  
and Change of Stock Interests**

Approved 3-0

5. Comments by Board Clerk and Police Department

Ms. Gilligan reported that she expects to be continuing in the role of acting clerk to the Board for approximately the next year. Chair Doucette asked Ms. Gilligan if she should be referred to as the Licensing Board clerk during that time, and Ms. Gilligan stated yes.

Start: 7:23PM  
End: 7:43PM

  
Donna B. Doucette, Chairman

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

Not Your Average Joe's, Inc.  
55 Main Street  
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Not Your Average Joe's, Inc. for approval of a change of manager of its premises at 55 Main Street licensed for All Alcohol Common Victualer Service.

David Hamill, the current general manager and proposed new manager, appeared on behalf of the licensee. Mr. Hamill stated that he is 29 years old and began managing restaurants at age 21. He has done floor and banquet managing, and has been with Not Your Average Joe's for three years. Mr. Hamill served as assistant general manager at the company's Westborough location. He is TIPS certified.

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

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Hamill as manager, subject to the following conditions:

1. The new manager of record, David Hamill, shall ensure that all bartenders and servers attend and successfully complete an alcohol awareness training program (e.g., TIPS) within 30 days of hire or expiration of certification. Copies of all certifications shall be forwarded to the City Clerk's office.
2. All other conditions of the license shall remain in place.

Shiraz Cuisine, Inc.  
72 Bigelow Avenue  
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Shiraz Cuisine, Inc. for approval of a change of manager of its premises at 72 Bigelow Avenue licensed for All Alcohol Common Victualer Service.

Parisa Anbardar, wife of proposed new manager Mohammad Anbardar, appeared on behalf of the licensee. Mrs. Anbardar explained that her husband was unable to attend the meeting because the restaurant was shortstaffed and he was needed there. Mr. Anbardar has owned the restaurant for 14 years. The previous manager left at the end of October 2022. Mrs. Anbardar noted that Mr. Anbardar is TIPS certified.

Sgt. Swift stated that Mr. Anbardar would need to submit a copy of his TIPS certification. He then reported that the Police Department had no objection to the proposed change of manager, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed.

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve Mohammad Anbardar as manager, subject to the following conditions:

1. The new manager of record, Mohammad Anbardar, shall ensure that all bartenders and servers attend and successfully complete an alcohol awareness training program (e.g., TIPS) within 30 days of hire or expiration of certification. Copies of all certifications shall be forwarded to the City Clerk's office.
2. All other conditions of the license shall remain in place.

Watertown Family Liquor Store, Inc.  
d/b/a Gordon's Fine Wine & Liquors  
92 Arsenal Yards Boulevard  
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Watertown Family Liquor Store, Inc. d/b/a Gordon's Fine Wine & Liquors for approval of a change of officers and directors of the corporate license holder and a change of stock interests in the licensee corporation, as part of a transfer of beneficial interest.

Attorney Thomas Miller appeared in support of the application. Attorney Miller explained that Richard Gordon is transferring his interest in the corporation to two sons. He stated that Kenneth and David have worked in the business for years and are familiar with its operations. Attorney Miller added that there will be no change in operations; rather, this is a means for Richard Gordon to pass the business to his sons. Chair Doucette asked if the transfer is of equal interests. Attorney Miller stated yes, and explained that, in total, there will be a change in interest for five of the company stores – in Watertown and surrounding communities. Once transactions are complete Richard Gordon will have no ownership interest, but will still have some involvement in the business. The named trusts are becoming the beneficial interest owners, with each son and their families being the intended beneficiaries of the trusts.

Sgt. Swift reported that the Police Department had no objection to the proposed changes and transfer arrangement.

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve a change in officers and directors as follows: David Gordon and Kenneth Gordon will replace their father, Richard Gordon, as officers and directors of the corporation, with David serving as president and treasurer, and Kenneth serving as vice president, assistant treasurer and secretary, and each of them serving as a director; and a change of stock interests as follows: 50% to the Gordo GFWL Irrevocable Trust and 50% to the Kenneth I. Gordon GFWL Irrevocable Trust.