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MINUTES MAY 18, 2023

1. Special Licenses

- St. James Church** **Approved 2-0**
Carnival/Festival/Entertainment, and One-Day All Alcohol License
465 Mt. Auburn Street **June 11**

John Piranosian, facilities manager, appeared in support of the application. He explained that the licenses requested are for the church's annual festival. For alcohol service, attendee identification will be checked at the door and patrons will be given tickets for alcohol purchase. Those purchasing will also be asked for identification at the bar. There will be two bartenders, and several monitors to ensure alcohol does not leave the premises. To monitor for street parking compliance, staff will walk the neighborhood to make sure no cars are blocking side streets. For the event, School Street will be closed from the corner light to the church's parking area. Sgt. Swift reported that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the licenses requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written reports. The Board voted to grant the licenses, subject to the conditions requested by the Police Department.

- City of Watertown, Commander's Mansion** **Approved 2-0**
One-Day All Alcohol License, and Entertainment License
Pride Month Party
440 Talcott Street **June 10**

Tammy McKenna, facilities manager, appeared in support of the application. She stated that the event is the first of its kind at the Mansion. No tickets will be sold to persons under 21, and all will be sold in advance, with a limit of 200 persons. There will be no door sales. Advertising for the event will be online and via social media. There will be two checkpoints, at the entrance and the reception tent, where wristbands will be issued for purchase of alcohol. There will be two bartenders, and service of alcohol will stop at 11:30 p.m. At least two crowd managers will be present for the event. Sgt. Swift reported that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the licenses requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written reports. The Board voted to grant the licenses, subject to the conditions requested by the Police Department.

- Taxiarchae Archangels Church Approved 2-0
Festival/Entertainment, and One-Day All Alcohol License
25 Bigelow Avenue June 23, 24 and 25

George Faggas, a representative of the church, appeared in support of the application. He explained that the applications are for the church's annual fundraiser, which is its biggest event. Alcohol will be purchased from approved vendors. There will be a 2-drink maximum per purchase. One bar will be located outside, and one inside. A fire detail will be assigned for open fires. Mr. Faggas stated that the church will make arrangements with owners of parking areas on Nichols Avenue for festival parking, which offer a double tiered area; and the church will operate a shuttle service for attendees. The last drink will be served at 11:00 p.m. and everyone will be required to be off the premises by midnight. Two crowd managers, with TIPS certification, will be assigned. The event will be advertised in stores and other local outlets. Sgt. Swift reported that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the licenses requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written reports. The Board voted to grant the licenses, subject to the conditions requested by the Police Department.

2. 8G Arsenal Yards LLC Approved 2-0
d/b/a Taffer's Tavern
541 Arsenal Street
Modification of 6-day Entertainment License

3. Pleasant Car Care, Inc. Approved 2-0
106R Pleasant Street
Motor Vehicle Repair with auto body work,
Class II Used Car Dealer

4. Bar 'Cino Watertown, Inc. Continued to July 20
45 – 51 Main Street
Status Hearing
All Alcohol Common Victualer License
d/b/a Convenience Plus
99 School Street

5. License Renewals (refer to licensee lists in meeting agenda)
 - A. Hackney Carriage/Taxi: Approved 2-0
 - B. Second Hand Dealers Approved 2-0
 - C. Letting Out of Motor Vehicles Approved 2-0

D. Open Air Parking	Approved 2-0
E. Motor Vehicle Repair	Approved 2-0
(all except North Beacon Street Service Center)	

6. Additional Comments

Board clerk Gilligan reported that the applicants seeking one-day alcohol licenses for the proposed Mighty Squirrel beer garden, who had asked that the applications be removed from the May 18 agenda, were now requesting that the applications be heard and proposing a meeting on May 30 via Zoom. The Board agreed to schedule a special meeting on Tuesday May 30 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Start: 7:17PM
End: 7:59PM



Sandra Kasabian Hoffman, Acting Chair

Present: Sandra Kasabian Hoffman, John Labadini
Also Present: Licensing Board Clerk - Noelle Gilligan, Watertown Police Sgt. Ken Swift, Attorney David Doneski

8G Arsenal Yards LLC
d/b/a Taffer's Tavern
541 Arsenal Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of 8G Arsenal Yards LLC d/b/a Taffer's Tavern for modification of its six-day Entertainment License for exercise at 541 Arsenal Street, to allow for entertainment in the outdoor patio area of the premises and to change the starting time for Friday and Saturday entertainment in all approved areas to 11:00 a.m.

Marc Magerman, a franchise owner and manager of the LLC, appeared in support of the application. Mr. Magerman stated that the property owner had given approval for outdoor performances, which will, at most, have four musicians, including one singer. He explained that it is most likely that entertainment in the outdoor area would be offered on Sunday afternoons, as a way to add interest in the restaurant.

Board clerk Noelle Gilligan noted that, if approved, the request would slightly alter the applicable hours, with all outdoor hours ending at 11:00 p.m.

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

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant the requested modification, subject to the following conditions:

1. The hours of operation shall be 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
2. Musicians shall be limited to four, including one singer.
3. Neither the band nor the patrons shall impede access to the entrance or exits of the restaurant.
4. The entertainers shall perform in the area designated on the plan submitted (annotated copy of floor plan with designation "Performance Area – patio outside").
5. Music must be kept at a reasonable and unobtrusive level.
6. A full service menu must be available during hours of entertainment. (For evening hours, refer to late-night menu described by the applicant at the Licensing Board hearing on March 16, 2023: five starters, two flatbreads, and three sandwiches.)

Pleasant Car Care, Inc.
441 Watertown Street
Newton, MA 02458

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Pleasant Car Care, Inc. for a motor vehicle repair license, with auto body, and a Class II Used Car Dealer License to be exercised at 106 Rear Pleasant Street.

Kyriakos Zlatkos, president of the applicant, appeared in support of the application. Mr. Zlatkos stated that he has been the owner of Pleasant Car Care since 2010. He explained that the downstairs space at the subject property recently became available, and he is proposing to use it to do auto body work and sell some used vehicles. Non-auto body repairs will be performed upstairs and auto body work will be done downstairs. Mr. Zlatkos noted that he has prior experience with auto body work. Vehicles for sale under the Class II license will come from vehicle auctions or other motor vehicle businesses.

Sergeant Swift stated that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the requested licenses, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed.

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant the motor vehicle repair license, subject to the following conditions:

1. The hours of operation shall be 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

2. The total number of vehicles on the property shall not exceed ten (five inside and five outside), as shown on the plan submitted.
3. All exterior parking spaces shall be striped for easy identification.
3. All deliveries shall be made on the premises of 106R Pleasant Street, and not on the public way.
5. No alcoholic beverages shall be allowed on the premises.

The Licensing Board also voted unanimously to grant the requested Class II Used Car Dealer License, subject to the following conditions:

1. The total number of vehicles on the property shall not exceed ten (five inside and five outside), as shown on the plan submitted. The total number of used motor vehicles for sale shall not exceed five.
2. All exterior parking spaces shall be striped for easy identification.
3. A log book shall be maintained to document the purchase and sale of used vehicles in a manner consistent with MGL Chapter 140, section 62.
4. All deliveries shall be made on the premises of 106R Pleasant Street, and not on the public way.
5. No alcoholic beverages shall be allowed on the premises.
6. The licensee must maintain a separate office space for customers to complete transactions.

Bar 'Cino Watertown, Inc.
d/b/a Bar 'Cino
300 Metro Center Boulevard, Suite 100
Warwick, RI, MA 02886

The Watertown Licensing Board held a hearing on the status of progress of construction/fit-up work for the premises at 45 – 51 Main Street, for which the Board has granted and renewed an All Alcohol Common Victualer License in your name.

Gary Morrison, regional manager of the restaurant group of Newport Harbor Corp., owner of the licensee corporation, and Bryan Parkin, who is designated to serve as general manager, appeared on behalf of the licensee. Mr. Morrison reported that the work is about 95% complete, and the licensee is about one week away from requesting City inspections. He stated that as of May 23 the restaurant will start a hiring site, which will run about two weeks. From

that point there will be training that leads up to practice dinners in the last week of June, with a tentative opening date of July 1. Mr. Parkin added that there would be about a week of ‘friends and family’ dinners.

The Board voted to continue the status hearing to Thursday, July 20, 2023 for a further report from the licensee. If the restaurant is open by that date, a letter from the licensee to the Board clerk confirming that fact will be sufficient to close the status hearing.