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MINUTES JUNE 15, 2023

1. Condesa Watertown LLC 2-day suspension
d/b/a Condesa Restaurant & Tequila Bar
80 Arsenal Yards Boulevard
Show Cause Hearing on All Alcohol Common Victualer License
2. Special Licenses
 - Moses Otanka Approved 3-0
Uganda Community Event, One-Day All Alcohol License
St. James Armenian Church, 465 Mt. Auburn Street June 11

John Piranosian, facilities manager for St. James Church, appeared in support of the application. He described the function as a Ugandan celebration event, including music, comedy and entertainment, with an estimated attendance of 400 persons. He stated that St. James staff would walk the neighborhood during the event to ensure no illegal parking and enough clearance for vehicles on the neighboring side streets. He noted that it is an all-ages event, but it was his understanding that most attendees would be 21 and over. Tickets are by pre-sale only; they will not be sold at the door. Wristbands will be issued to those 21 and over for alcohol purchase approval and the bartenders will also check purchaser identification. Mr. Piranosian stated that he would be on duty the night of the event, and that the servers are certified by SureSellNow. Kappy's is the alcohol vendor, and Mr. Piranosian added that he would provide a copy of the vendor contract for the Board's records. The Building and Fire Departments and Zoning Enforcement Officer had no comment on the application, and Health Department review was pending. 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.

3. Dyer Quik Pik, Inc. Approved 3-0
d/b/a d/b/a Dyer Liquors
40-42 Mt. Auburn Street
Change of Stock Interests in Licensee Corporation,
And Change of Manager of All Alcohol Package Goods Store

- Joscha Kasalrau-Hoffman

other officers and Fire Department personnel also responded. He was referred to an individual identified as the boyfriend of the involved person, who said he asked a person at the table to call 911 because his girlfriend was intoxicated. The boyfriend stated that his girlfriend was taken to the bathroom by a waitress. Officer Rooney went to the bathroom and knocked on the door and entered, where he found the involved person vomiting. He asked her how much she had to drink, but she did not answer. The waitress said 'she had a lot of shots.' Fire Department medics had to perform a sternum rub because the woman was not responding. The medics then had to pick her up to place her on a transport chair. There was a strong odor of alcohol in the bathroom. The woman was transported to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Officer Rooney then spoke again to the boyfriend, who stated that he and friends arrived at the restaurant at 4:30 p.m., and that while there the woman consumed four 1-ounce tequila shots and ate two tacos, and that he consumed five tequila shots, three margaritas and a quesadilla. The boyfriend had bloodshot, glassy eyes and slow speech. He stated he was concerned for his girlfriend's health. The waitress retrieved a receipt for the table, which showed three The Don margaritas, 10 tequila shots, and one cheese dip. The boyfriend's receipt was unavailable. Officer Rooney transported the boyfriend to the police station and from there he was transferred to the care of his brother for the night.

Sgt. Swift read from Sgt. Sarkisian's incident report, which stated he was dispatched to Condesa and entered with several officers. He found Officer Rooney speaking to the boyfriend and saw paramedics transporting the involved woman. He detected a strong odor of alcohol in the ambulance, and the boyfriend appeared intoxicated himself, with a strong odor of alcohol on his person. The boyfriend stated the group arrived at 4:30 p.m. and had last drinks at 7:30 p.m. He said his girlfriend ordered four tequila shots and two tacos; she later felt sick and went to the bathroom. The boyfriend stated he did not drink anywhere else that day. Sgt. Sarkisian spoke to the server, who reported a 4:30 p.m. arrival and a last drink at approximately 7:30 p.m. She stated that the involved woman had four to five tequilas, and ordered food but did not eat. Rodrigo Jaime provided Sgt. Sarkisian with a copy of a bill for \$202.09, including 10 tequila shots, three margaritas, and 1 cheese dip.

Sgt. Swift reported on his own investigation of the events at the premises. He was informed of the incident on May 8 and on that day spoke to the boyfriend, who said he arrived at 4:30 p.m., that the involved woman had five shots of tequila and started to become unresponsive. The table next to theirs notified general manager Rodrigo Jaime, who asked a waitress to take the woman to the restroom. The boyfriend stated several times that he and his girlfriend were intoxicated. The boyfriend stayed in a hotel for the evening. On May 8 Sgt. Swift spoke to Rodrigo, who said the restaurant was kind of crazy on the night in question and that he was notified of the situation by another patron. He asked a waitress to take the woman involved to the bathroom, and he stated to Sgt. Swift that he believed the woman involved was drunk and "probably" overserved. On May 9, Sgt. Swift spoke to the woman involved, who stated she and her boyfriend, and two friends, arrived at Condesa at 4:30 p.m., after work. She ordered an appetizer and started ordering tequila shots; she believed it was four or five. After consuming the drinks quickly, contrary to her usual slow consumption, she realized she was intoxicated. She recalled vomiting in the bathroom and waking up at the hospital. Sgt. Swift advised Rodrigo he would request a show cause hearing.

Araceli Jaime translated for Rodrigo and stated he was saying that what was stated at the hearing was what he knows; there was a meeting the next day with employees on cutting people off from alcohol service. He said it was busy on the night in question and there maybe should have been another manager on site. Restaurant staff checked on the involved woman the day after the incident and she stated she was fine. They added that this type of incident had not happened at the restaurant since it opened in November of 2021 and that they were making sure it does not happen again.

After hearing, the Licensing Board unanimously found that the violations as alleged had occurred, and unanimously voted to impose a two-day license suspension. The Board offered the licensee the opportunity to choose the date the suspension would be served, a date within six weeks of the hearing date, if the licensee chose to waive its right of appeal to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. Araceli Gallardo Jaime stated that the licensee would waive the right to appeal, and stated that the licensee would inform the Board regarding the dates the suspension would be served. She subsequently notified the acting Board clerk that the dates would be July 6 and 7, 2023.

Dyer Quik Pik, Inc.
d/b/a Dyer Liquors
40-42 Mt. Auburn Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Dyer Quik Pik, Inc. d/b/a Dyer Liquors for approval of a change of stock interests in the licensee corporation, and a change of manager of the premises at 40-42 Mt. Auburn Street licensed as an all alcohol package goods store.

Attorney Kenneth Leitner appeared in support of the application. Attorney Leitner explained that the principals of the licensee, Gary (Girish) Patel and Dinaxi Patel have become U.S. citizens, after operating the business since 2005. There will be a re-allocation of shares in the corporation.

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 stock interests as follows: Girish Patel – 45%, Dinaxi Patel – 50%, Anil Patel – 5%, subject to the following condition:

1. All other conditions of the license shall remain in place.

The Board also voted unanimously to approve Girish Patel as manager, subject to the following conditions:

1. The new manager, Girish Patel, and all employees of the licensed establishment shall attend and successfully complete an alcohol awareness training program (e.g., TIPS)

immediately upon hire or expiration of certification. Copies of all certifications shall be maintained by the licensee and reviewable upon request.

2. All other conditions of the license shall remain in place.

A&A Auto Repair LLC
81 Elm Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of A&A Auto Repair LLC for a motor vehicle repair license to be exercised at 81 Elm Street.

Atty. Vasken Babigian appeared in support of the application, on behalf of Kevork Kachichian, manager of the LLC. Attorney Babigian explained that the reason for the application is a transfer of ownership of the existing business. Mr. Kachichian stated he has been working with the current owner, Antranik Helvadjan, president of A & A Auto Repair, Inc., for about ten years. Attorney Babigian noted that the buyer will lease the property from the seller.

The Building, Fire, and Health Departments did not report any objection to the application.

Sergeant Swift stated that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the requested license, 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 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.
2. The total number of vehicles on the property shall not exceed 16 (five inside the garage and 11 outside), as shown on the plan submitted (annotated copy of sketch plan labeled "81 Elm St" and identifying the location of a one-story concrete building and work areas).
3. There shall be no alcoholic beverages on the property.
4. No auto body work shall be allowed.
5. All parking spaces are to be striped for easy identification.

212 Waverley Inc.
d/b/a Pizza Roma
141 Robbins Road
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of 212 Waverley Inc. d/b/a Pizza Roma for a common victualer license to be exercised at 212 Waverley Avenue.

Christine Aufiero, president, appeared in support of the application. Ms. Aufiero stated that she will be a part owner of the business, with her brother-in-law, Edward Aufiero. They are purchasing the present business at the premises. She explained that she has been training with the current operator for the last few weeks. Ms. Aufiero noted that Edward Aufiero previously owned a liquor store and deli. An opening is planned for Wednesday, June 21. There is an existing employee, who will remain. A Health Department inspection is scheduled for the week of June 19.

The Building and Fire Departments and Zoning Enforcement Officer had no comment on the application. Health Department review is pending.

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

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant a common victualer license, subject to the following conditions:

1. The hours of operation shall be no more than 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Sunday through Saturday.
2. There shall be no alcoholic beverages on the premises.
3. The number of seats shall be three, and limited to the area shown on the plan submitted (sketch plan entitled "Pizza – Roma 212 Waverley Ave").