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MINUTES APRIL 20, 2023

Approved 3-0

1. Special Licenses

- **St. Stephen's Armenian Elementary School** **Approved 3-0**
Mother's Day road/sidewalk race - fundraiser
May 6

Ani Keledjian of the school's PTO appeared in support of the application. Chair Doucette reviewed the elements of the application. A total of 150 to 200 participants are expected. The route will begin and end at the church, at 1 Artsakh Street. Ani Keledjian explained that the race will be a 5k fundraiser for the school. Nurses will be present for the event, with first-aid kits, and there will be volunteers at crosswalks to assist with street crossings. Acting Board clerk Noelle Gilligan reported that the application had been sent to the Department of Public Works. 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.

- **Amy Donohue** **Approved 3-0**
One-Day Wine & Malt License, and Entertainment License
25th Anniversary Party for Donohue's Restaurant
Armenian Cultural and Educational Center, 47 Nichols Avenue June 24

Attorney Tim McGoldrick and John Donohue appeared in support of the application. Chair Doucette reviewed the elements of the application. Anticipated attendance is 300 persons, of all ages; hours of 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; a live band and three food trucks; bartender TIPS certifications, and crowd manager designation. Attorney McGoldrick stated that Amy Donohue was at the evening's School Committee meeting and therefore unable to attend the Licensing Board meeting. He explained that Donohue's restaurant would be open during the event, and that the food trucks will be parked in the ACEC parking lot area across the street. An overhead view layout plan was submitted with the application. The lot will be cordoned off for the event, and only beer and wine will be served. Attendees will take food from the food truck service area and go to the cordoned off area. Bigelow Avenue will be closed off to prevent through traffic. Attorney McGoldrick noted there are 175 parking spaces at the ACEC; three will be occupied by

the food trucks, and four spaces in front of the restaurant will be used for the event. A full restaurant staff will be on duty, and private security personnel will be hired, a total of 4 persons, and stationed outside. There will be two shifts for the event and increased staff on duty. Bracelets will be given to persons 21 and over for alcohol purchases, and the outdoor area will be monitored to ensure no one leaves the area with alcohol. Soda and water will also be served. The event is to celebrate the restaurant's 25th anniversary. Attorney McGoldrick stated there would be two bands, both of which have played for prior events at Donohue's - Irish Whisper and Shilelagh Law. Mr. Donohue added that there will be step dancing, and that the music will be amplified within reason. He noted that the bands will probably stop performing a half hour before the end time of 6:00pm. The musician stage area will face toward Bigelow Avenue and the restaurant. Attorney McGoldrick noted that Mr. Donohue has done similar events with as many participants, such as the Thanksgiving road race. 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. Chair Doucette noted that the Building, Fire and Health Departments, and the Zoning Enforcement Officer had not reported any objection. The Board voted to grant the licenses, subject to the conditions requested by the Police Department.

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| 2. 8G Arsenal Yards LLC
d/b/a Taffer's Tavern
541 Arsenal Street
Sunday Entertainment License | Approved 3-0 |
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| 3. Christian Tapia
d/b/a CT Pizzeria
467 Pleasant Street
Common Victualer License | Approved 3-0 |
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| 4. Barcor, LLC
d/b/a Chulo Restaurant & Bar
One Waverley Avenue
Sunday Entertainment License | Approved 3-0 |
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| 5. Ali Houjazy
d/b/a Mona Airport Livery
34 Madison Avenue
Livery License | Approved 3-0 |
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| 6. Beantown Donuts, LLC
d/b/a Dunkin'
49 Mt. Auburn Street
Common Victualer License | Approved 3-0 |

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| 7. Beantown Donuts
d/b/a Dunkin'
448 Main Street
Common Victualer License | Approved 3-0 |
| 8. Beantown Donuts
d/b/a Dunkin'
635 Mt. Auburn Street
Common Victualer License | Approved 3-0 |
| 9. Beantown Donuts
d/b/a Dunkin'
640 Arsenal Street
Common Victualer License | Approved 3-0 |
| 10. Top Tier Auto Services
656 Main Street
Motor Vehicle Repair License | Withdrawn |
| 11. Keno license application notice
from State Lottery Commission
for Vadeshwar, Inc.
d/b/a Convenience Plus
99 School Street | No objection |

Chair Doucette read for the record the April 13, 2023 notice letter from the Lottery Commission. Members Tsekrekas and Labadini stated they had no objection to the proposed keno monitor. Chair Doucette stated that the Board did not have an objection, and that it would not take any action with respect to the notice.

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| 12. Livery and Limousine License Renewals | Approved 3-0 |
| Renewed: Hadi Coach
JM Limo | |

Renewal application not submitted: Chfeur, LLC

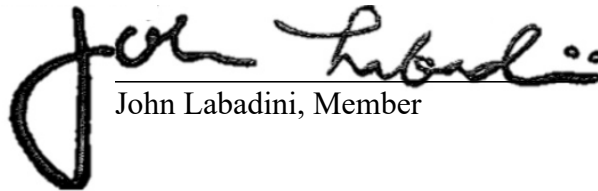
For Chfeur, LLC chair Doucette noted that Police Department inspection of the vehicle had not been conducted, and stated that renewal would not be approved. If an inspection does take place, a new license application must be submitted. Acting Board clerk Gilligan commented that the first step in the process is to submit an application, and after that the Police Department may be contacted for an inspection.

13. Additional Comments

Ms. Gilligan reported that that expanded outdoor service and sale of alcohol 'to go' by restaurants has been extended by the state to April 1, 2024. Chair Doucette read the ABCC notice regarding amendment of the statute approved on March 29.

Start: 7:22PM

End: 8:30PM



John Labadini, Member

Present: Donna B. Doucette, John Labadini, Jim Tsekrekas
Also Present: Acting 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

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of 8G Arsenal Yards LLC d/b/a Taffer's Tavern for a Sunday Entertainment License to be exercised at 541 Arsenal Street.

Marc Magerman, a franchise owner and manager of the LLC, appeared in support of the application. Mr. Magerman explained that he had appeared at the Board's meeting of March 16, 2023 on an application for modification of an entertainment license, but that the application had not included a specific Sunday hours request. The applicant would like to offer entertainment on Sundays, in the same locations as approved for the 6-day entertainment license. He explained that the two areas in the restaurant that have been approved for the musicians will not be in use at the same time; it is an 'either or' situation.

The Building, Fire and Health Departments did not report any comments.

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 license, subject to the following conditions:

1. The hours of operation shall be 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. midnight.
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 areas designated on the revised plan submitted (refer to plan submitted for 6-day entertainment license application acted on at the March 16, 2023 Board meeting: annotated copy of plan sheet P2, entitled “Live Performance Configuration” prepared for Taffer’s Tavern, by LYF architects, dated 08 April 2022).
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 hearing on March 16, 2023: five starters, two flatbreads, and three sandwiches.)

Christian Tapia,
d/b/a CT Pizzeria
27 Claremont Street
Waltham, MA 02451

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Christian Tapia d/b/a CT Pizzeria for a common victualer license to be exercised at 467 Pleasant Street.

Christian Tapia appeared in support of the application. Mr. Tapia stated that he had been a Watertown resident for 30 years. He presently owns an auto restoration business in Newton; the pizza restaurant will be a second career venture for him. He will be assisted by people who have food business experience. Mr. Tapia noted that the Health Department had issued a food establishment permit.

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

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 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday through Saturday.
2. There shall be no alcoholic beverages on the premises.
3. The number of seats shall be 16 and seating shall be limited to the area shown on the plan submitted (sketch plan labeled “467 Pleasant St.”).

Barcor, LLC
d/b/a Chulo Restaurant & Bar
One Waverley Avenue

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Barcor, LLC d/b/a Chulo Restaurant & Bar for a Sunday Entertainment License to be exercised at One Waverley Avenue.

Ranjan Budhathoki, a manager of the LLC, appeared in support of the application. The applicant is proposing to add Sunday entertainment hours. The restaurant currently operates from 10:00 a.m. to midnight.

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

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 license, subject to the following conditions:

1. Musicians shall be limited to four, one of which may be a singer.
2. Instruments shall be limited to piano, string, reed, percussion and/or recorded music.
3. Hours for entertainment shall be 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. midnight.
4. The area for entertainment shall be limited to that shown on the plan submitted (refer to floor plan received in the office of the Town Clerk on May 23, 2019, submitted in connection with application for 6-day entertainment license).
5. Dancing is allowed, and shall be limited to the area shown on the plan submitted.
6. During entertainment/dancing 12 seats shall be removed to provide space, as shown on the plan submitted.
7. During entertainment/dancing the manager shall ensure that all exits are and remain accessible.
8. A full service menu and kitchen shall be maintained when entertainment is offered.

Ali Houjazy
d/b/a Mona Airport Livery
34 Madison Avenue

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Ali Houjazy d/b/a Mona Airport Livery for a livery/limousine license to be exercised from 34 Madison Avenue.

Ali Houjazy appeared in support of the application. Mr. Houjazy stated that he has been a Watertown resident for 20 years. He has done work for Uber, but that has not been a sufficient source of income. He has two years of experience as a contract driver. Mr. Houjazy confirmed that he owns the property where the livery vehicle will be parked.

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

Sgt. Swift reported that the Police Department 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 grant 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 license is for one driver and one vehicle, to be parked at 34 Madison Avenue.
5. The licensee shall keep all records on file and they shall be made available for review by any agent of the Licensing Board.

Beantown Donuts, LLC
d/b/a Dunkin'
72 Junction Square
Concord, MA 01742

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the applications of Beantown Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin' for common victualer licenses to be exercised at four locations: 49 Mt. Auburn Street, 448 Main Street, 635 Mt. Auburn Street and 640 Arsenal Street.

Mark Pesce, manager of the LLC, appeared in support of the application. Mr. Pesce stated that he has been in the business of operating Dunkin' (Dunkin' Donuts) establishments for 35 years. He explained that he and his wife own/operate a group of stores in the area from Concord to Boston. The Watertown locations for which licenses are requested are part of a 14-store purchase, which is the largest his business has done. The Watertown stores were purchased from the Carvalho family, which had operated them for many years. Mr. Pesce explained that the leases for all four of the sites were assigned by the franchise seller. He also stated that his establishments actively participate in all the communities where they are located, including fundraising for local causes.

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

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 the common victualer licenses, subject to the following conditions:

1. The descriptions of the licensed premises are as follows: **49 Mt. Auburn Street** – 400 square feet with rooms, including dining service/prep. area, storage, kitchen, 2 bathrooms, with 4 entrances and exits; **448 Main Street** – 400 square feet with rooms, including dining service/prep. area, storage, kitchen, 2 bathrooms, with 4 entrances and exits; **635 Mt. Auburn Street** – refer to plan submitted (floor plan sheet labeled “635 Mt. Auburn”); **640 Arsenal Street** – 2,107 square feet, plus 245 square feet of shared lobby and alcove, containing 4 rooms including dining service/prep. area, storage, kitchen, 2 bathrooms, with 4 entrances and exits.
2. The hours of operation shall be 4:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday.
3. Seating: **49 Mt. Auburn Street** - for 36, 24 inside and 12 outside, as shown on the plan submitted (floor plan sheet labeled “49 Mt. Auburn”); **448 Main Street** – for 41, 25 inside and 16 outside, as shown on the plan submitted (floor plan sheet labeled “448 Main St”); **635 Mt. Auburn Street** – interior seating for 24 as shown on the plan submitted (floor plan sheet labeled “635 Mt. Auburn”); **640**

Arsenal Street – interior seating for 36 as shown on the plan submitted (floor plan sheet labeled “640 Arsenal St”).

4. There shall be no alcoholic beverages on the premises.