



Licensing Board
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MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: AUGUST 17, 2023

1. Special Licenses

- **Der Arakel** **Approved 3-0**
Annual Bazaar, One-Day All Alcohol Licenses
St. James Armenian Church, 465 Mt. Auburn Street
October 13 and 14

The representative of the applicant had to leave the meeting before the application was heard. Chair Doucette reviewed the elements of the application: St. James church tax exemption certificate; ABCC-approved wholesaler; TIPS certification for servers; wristbands will be provided to identify those eligible for service of alcohol; bartenders will also check patron id's at time of service; adjacent side streets will be patrolled for safety during the event; layout for vendors, tables and seats; layout of kitchen; crowd manager training certification; certificate of liability insurance; anticipated attendance – 999 over 2 days; hours of 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Clerk Gilligan reported that the Health Department was awaiting a food service permit application. Sgt. Swift stated that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the licenses requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board voted to grant the licenses, subject to the conditions requested by the Police Department and issuance of a food service permit by the Health Department.

- **Tammy McKenna, City of Watertown,** **Approved 3-0**
One-Day Wine and Malt License for outdoor beer garden
Watertown Faire on the Square
123 Main Street **September 23**

Tammy McKenna, director of events for the Commander's Mansion, appeared in support of the application. Chair Doucette reviewed the elements of the application: description of event (Watertown's annual Faire on the Square); floor plan and layout; alcohol servers – to be provided by Donohue's restaurant; ABCC wholesaler invoice; TIPS certifications for servers; sample event advertising. Ms. McKenna stated that the beer garden will be at the back side of the Public Library lot; there will be two tents, and a drape divider between the food court and beer garden. Most activities for the event will be at the rear of library. The Town has rented tents

because of anticipated rain on the day of the event, but there will be separate entrances. There will also be some layout adjustments on account of the rain. Chair Doucette asked about signage, and Ms. McKenna stated there will be signage publicity and posting on social media. The Building Department reported no objection. Sgt. Swift stated 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.

Board member Labadini recused himself from participation on this matter, noting that he was a member of the board of directors of the Watertown Boys & Girls Club, which is a beneficiary of the event. Member Tsekrekas heard and voted on the application in his place.

2. Oakley Country Club Approved 3-0
410 Belmont Street
Change of Manager for All Alcohol Club License
3. Bridgestone Retail Operations Approved 3-0
d/b/a Firestone Complete Auto Care
40 Arsenal Street
Change of Hours for Motor Vehicle Repair License
4. ARE-MA Region No. 7, LLC Granted 3-0
99 Coolidge Avenue
Flammables Storage License
5. Comments by Board Clerk, Police Department

Clerk Gilligan stated that she would not be present for the Board's October meeting. She also reported on the process for end of year license renewals. The date for submission to the ABCC of alcohol license renewal information is January 19, 2024

The Board agreed to hold a separate meeting for license renewals, on December 6, 2023, via ZOOM.

Start: 7:18PM
End: 8:05PM


Donna B. Doucette, Chair

Present: Donna B. Doucette, Sandra Kasabian Hoffman, John Labadini, Jim Tsekrekas
Also Present: Licensing Board Clerk - Noelle Gilligan, Watertown Police Sergeant Ken Swift, Attorney David Doneski

The Oakley Country Club
410 Belmont Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of the Oakley Country Club for approval of a change of manager of its premises at 410 Belmont Street licensed for all alcohol club beverage service.

Michael Moffett, operations manager for the club and the proposed manager, appeared on behalf of the licensee. Mr. Moffett stated that the previous manager had left the club, and that he would be taking over the position. He reported that he has worked in the food and beverage industry for 20 years, and is currently TIPS certified. His experience includes positions at the Needham Country Club, Andover Country Club, Not Your Average Joe's restaurants, and bars in Worcester.

Sergeant Swift stated that the Police Department had no objection to the proposed change of manager, provided that the condition stated below was imposed.

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

1. The new manager, Michael Moffett, shall obtain alcohol awareness training certification (e.g., TIPS) within 90 days of September 21, 2023, and a copy of the certification shall be provided to the Licensing Board.

Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC
d/b/a Firestone Complete Auto Care
40 Arsenal Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Bridgestone Retail Operations LLC d/b/a Firestone Complete Auto Care for approval of a change of the hours of operation for its Motor Vehicle Repair License exercised at 40 Arsenal Street to include Sunday hours and expanded hours on Saturdays.

Anthony Russo, branch manager, appeared in support of the application. Mr. Russo explained that he had transferred to the Watertown location from the applicant's business in Revere. He stated that there are currently no other vehicle repair businesses open on Sunday, and the licensee would be available for emergency needs during Sunday hours.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer reported no objection.

Sgt. Grady stated that the Police Department had no objection to approval of the modified hours of operation.

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve a change of hours as follows: Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ARE-MA Region No. 77, LLC
400 Technology Square
Cambridge, MA 02139

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of ARE-MA Region No. 77, LLC for a flammables storage license to be exercised at 99 Coolidge Avenue for gasoline in the fuel tanks of parked motor vehicles, and for fuel oil in a storage tank and stand-alone generator tank.

Nick O'Connor, a project manager for National Development (developer of the lab/office building being constructed at the site), appeared in support of the application. Mr. O'Connor reported that the 7,000 gallon diesel tank is intended to provide for 24 hours of emergency power for the on-site generator, for life safety purposes, and that the generator and associated stand-alone tank is located in the penthouse of the building at the site. He stated that the storage tanks are new, double-walled and insulated. Mr. O'Connor explained that the generator is for tenant use, not just emergency use, and that the tanks would need to be re-filled based on the level of use.

Board clerk Noelle Gilligan reported that the Fire Department had been working on a recommendation to the Board, but had not yet completed it, and that she had received an e-mail from Capt. Anastasi stating no objection to the application. Sgt. Swift stated that he had also spoken to Capt. Anastasi regarding the application.

The Building and Health Departments and the Zoning Enforcement Officer reported no objection to the application.

After hearing, the Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant the requested license, for storage of 9,940 gallons of gasoline in the on-site parking garage (based on 497 vehicles with an average fuel tank size of 20 gallons; 7,000 gallons of diesel fuel oil in a single tank; and 275 gallons of fuel oil in a stand-alone generator tank, subject to the condition that the applicant obtain all required approvals from the Fire Department, including a flammables storage permit.