

Minutes of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for their meeting held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the Weymouth Town Hall, Chambers located at 75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA

Attendance: Voting Member (present): Chairperson Kathleen Deree; Daniel McCormack, Director of Public Health; Jeffrey E. Richards, Director of Municipal Licenses & Inspections, Clerk; Fire Chief Keith Stark; Police Chief Richard Fuller

Non-voting: Deputy Fire Chief Thomas Still; Licensing Officer Edward Chase

Chairperson Deree called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

APPROVALS

- Minutes: February 15, 2023

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the minutes of February 15, 2024. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- Carnival Permit: Fiesta Shows – Weymouth Carnival (April 17 -21)

Mrs. Kerry Knapp, Mayor's Assistant, presented the application for the Weymouth Carnival event to be held on April 17-21, 2024. Dean & Flynn/Fiesta Shows will conduct the carnival to be held in the left rear parking lot area of the Weymouth High School, 1 Wildcat Way. An application for a Sunday Entertainment License is also included for April 21st.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the Carnival Permit/Sunday Entertainment License to Fiesta Shows on April 17 through April 21, 2024. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- One-Day Wine & Malt Permit: VSB Truck – Monahan's Marine, 396 Washington St.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the One-Day Wine & Malt Permit to be issued to Vitamin Sea Brewing (brew truck) for the Grand Opening of Monahan's Marine- 2nd Floor -Tackle Shop event on April 6, 2024 from 10 AM – 6 PM. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- One-Day Wine & Malt Permit: St. Francis Xavier Parish, 234 Pleasant St.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the One-Day Wine & Malt Permit request for Saint Francis Xavier Parish, 234-236 Pleasant Street, for a comedy show to be held on April 4, 2024 from 7 PM – 11 PM. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- Annual Poppy Drive: George R. Bean American Legion Post #79, 19 Hollis St.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the Annual Poppy Drive Permit to George R. Bean American Legion Post #79, 19 Hollis Street, for the dates of May 23-26, 2024. Chief Stark

seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- One-Day Entertainment Permits: Vitamin Sea Brewing, 30 Moore Rd.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the One-Day Entertainment Permit request by Vitamin Sea Brewing, 30 Moore Road., for the dates as: March 21 & 28 from 6 PM – 8 PM; April 4, 6, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 with the hours as 5 PM – 8 PM; May 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 with the hours as 5 PM – 8 PM. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- Extension of Hours Request: Vitamin Sea Brewing, 30 Moore Rd.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the extension of hours request by Vitamin Sea Brewing, 30 Moore Road, for April 6 and 18, 2024 until 10 PM for a private party. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

APPLICATION OF MANG MEE CORPORATION D/B/A COZY PHO & THAI KITCHEN FOR AN ALL ALCOHOLIC RESTAURANT LICENSE AT THE LOCATION OF 1616 MAIN ST. (hearing continuation from February 15, 2024 meeting)

Mr. Richards reviewed the application by Mang Mee Corporation, stating that they are currently a holder of a Common Victualler License under the name of Cozy Pho & Thai Kitchen at 1616 Main Street. A sufficient public notice requirement had been met.

Accountant Sumontha Trahan represented Mr. Prasert Pathpong, Vice President and Manager, and Ms. Kansinee Sermkijamjorn, President of Mang Mee Corporation. Ms. Trahan introduced herself and stated her clients are applying for an All Alcoholic Restaurant License as they have been in business at the Weymouth location for a couple of years and feel that their customers and business would welcome alcohol service. They have continual requests for alcohol orders when clientele is ordering food to compliment. Many customers leave when they realize that there is currently no alcohol on the menu. Alcohol sales tax will also provide percentage to the municipality.

Mr. McCormack asked if they are TIPs trained and certified for alcohol service.

Ms. Trahan confirmed such.

Mr. Richards announced the public hearing for comment. No comment was made by the audience.

Mr. Richards stated that Municipal Finance Department reported delinquent Personal Property Taxes.

Ms. Trahan confirmed that the balance was paid this morning.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve Mang Mee Corporation d/b/a Cozy Pho & Thai Kitchen for an All Alcoholic Restaurant License at 1616 Main Street. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF SOONTHORN CORPORATION D/B/A SWEET LEMON FOR A
CHANGE OF OFFICERS AND STOCK INTEREST ON THE ALL ALCOHOLIC
RESTAURANT LICENSE AT 824 WASHINGTON ST.**

Attorney Jack Milgram was in attendance with his clients Ms. Nancharat Soonthornsawad and Ms. Charatsanan Predojev. Attorney Milgram stated that Mr. Siripong Soonthornsawad, brother of Nancharat Soonthornsawad, left the business and relocated to New Hampshire. The transfer of stock interest, non-monetary, was made to his sister.

Mr. Richards asked if there was a manager change as well.

Attorney Milgram responded that the manager would remain the same, under Ms. Predojev.

Mr. Richards announced the public hearing and no one from the audience came forward.

Mr. Richards, seeing and hearing none, made a MOTION to approve the change of officers and stock interest. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF OCHO CAFÉ OF MA INC. D/B/A OCHO CAFÉ TACOS & TEQUILA
FOR AN ALTERATION TO THE LICENSED PREMISES TO INCLUDE AN OUTDOOR
SEATING AREA (SEASONAL) AT 765 BRIDGE ST.**

Attorney Gregory Galvin, Law Offices at 775 Pleasant Street, stated he was representing Ms. Fabiola Ruelas, daytime manager at Ocho Café of MA Inc., for three applications today. The alteration of licensed premises application is for an extension for outdoor seating for a permanent seasonal basis for 80 – 100 seats. They have experience with the temporary outdoor seating arrangement and are training in the liquor laws. The designated area will be fenced in with the public access through the front door, then the side door would be used to access the designated outdoor seating. Alcohol service would be made through the restaurant without a separate bar. They have also applied for live music/entertainment for weekly and on Sundays. They spoke with Mr. Luongo, Planning Department and have agreed to provide a plan to dress up the fencing as a wooden fencing with plastic barrels to designate, especially where it faces the parking area.

Mr. Richards stated that the proposal has been approved/confirmed by a letter from the mall property owner. This area had been approved originally through the temporary seating process. This would be approved as a seasonal operation and part of the licensed premises.

Mr. Robert Luongo, Planning Director, came forward, stating that the sand-loaded plastic barrels would be placed around the fencing to protect the area as well as portable planters to dress it up.

Attorney Galvin agreed.

Mr. McCormack reviewed that seating and asked if an additional 80 seats would be added to the total, in relation to the food service/Health permit, and noted the fee may increase for a Health Permit if the seating number is to increase.

Ms. Ruelas confirmed that the indoor seating figure is 152 seats.

Mr. McCormack asked for more detail of the designated area.

Attorney Galvin replied that it is the front facing area nearest to Bridge Street. Fencing for the area will be accessed through the restaurant.

The Public Hearing was announced; seeing none, hearing none, Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve Ocho Café for additional seating, seasonally for 765 Bridge Street for 100 seats, as a capacity number. Chief Stark seconded.

Chairperson Deree noted that motion was made and seconded. The MOTION was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

APPLICATION OF OCHO CAFÉ OF MA INC. D/B/A OCHO CAFÉ TACOS & TEQUILA FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE LICENSED PREMISES (OUTDOOR SEATING AREA) FOR AN ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE AT 765 BRIDGE ST.

Mr. Richards announced the public hearing. Seeing none, hearing none, Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the Annual Entertainment License for the outdoor seating area. Chief Stark seconded. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

APPLICATION OF OCHO CAFÉ OF MA INC. D/B/A OCHO CAFÉ TACOS & TEQUILA FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE LICENSED PREMISES (OUTDOOR SEATING AREA) FOR A SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE AT 765 BRIDGE ST.

Mr. Richards announced the public hearing. Seeing none, hearing none, Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the Sunday Entertainment License for the outdoor seating area of Ocho Café at 765 Bridge Street. Chief Stark seconded. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

APPLICATION OF NEW ENGLAND SOLUTIONS, LLC D/B/A SWEET BRAZIL MARKET FOR A COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE AT 1032 MAIN ST.

Attorney Gregory Galvin represented Lea Lucia Francisco, Manager of New England Solutions, LLC and Sweet Brazil. Attorney Galvin thanked the Legal Department for allowing the abutter's mailing to be sent by 1st Class Mail rather than Certified Mail, as the property abuts the Fountain Lane Condos. The certified mailing process would have been extremely expensive due to the postage cost, plus the time to process. His client's pastries melt in your mouth and are not for the weight watchers.

Mr. Richards stated the project site has been in a year in the making through the Building Permit process and Fire Department, along with the variance for the road, and getting the sprinkler system in. He read the departmental referral from Municipal Finance, stating that Real Estate Taxes were overdue.

Attorney Galvin confirmed that they were paid.

Mr. McCormack added that the Health Inspection was completed, and noted that the facility looks great.

Mr. Richards announced the public hearing. Seeing and hearing none, he made a MOTION to approve the Common Victualler License for Sweet Brazil at 1032 Main Street. Chief Stark seconded. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Next Meeting:

Mr. Richards made Motions for the following meeting schedule: April 30, 2024 at 2 PM; May 28, 2024 at 2 PM; and June 25, 2024 at 2 PM. Chief Stark seconded and the motions were UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to adjourn at 2:28 PM. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa VanWinkle
Recording Secretary

Approved:



Date: 4-30-24

Jeffrey E. Richards, CBO, Clerk