

Minutes of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for their meeting held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 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 Chief Thomas Still; Licensing Officer Edward Chase; Town Solicitor Richard McLeod and Marsha Geronaitis, Paralegal

Chairperson Deree called the meeting to order at 2 PM.

## **APPROVALS**

- Minutes: February 21, 2023

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the minutes of February 21, 2023. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- Carnival Permit: Weymouth Carnival @ Weymouth High School (April 9-23)
- One-Day Sunday Entertainment License: Dean & Flynn, Inc. d/b/a Fiesta Shows

Mrs. Kerry Knapp, Mayor's Assistant, presented the Carnival Permit and Sunday Entertainment License applications for the event, stating the annual Weymouth Carnival would be held at the Weymouth High School parking lot on April 19<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dean and Flynn is the insured operator. The hours would be: Wednesday and Thursday; 2 PM – 10:30 PM; Friday: 2 PM – 11 PM; Saturday: 1 PM- 11 PM and Sunday: 1 PM – 8 PM.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the Carnival Permit and Sunday Entertainment License for the Weymouth Carnival to be held April 19<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- Poppy Drive – George R. Bean American Legion Post #79 (May 25 – 28)

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the Poppy Drive for by the George R. Bean American Post in Weymouth on May 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **APPLICATION OF CHEN'S ASIAN, INC. D/B/A CHEN'S ASIAN CUISINE FOR A FOOD VENDOR LICENSE AT 585 NORTH ST.**

Attorney Gerard McAulliffe was present representing Shui Ying Li, President of Chen's Asian, Inc. Chen's is purchasing the existing business as Jade Chef at 585 North Street, for take-out Chinese food with no seating.

Mr. Richards reviewed the application, stating that the hours would be 11 AM – 11 PM Tuesday

through Sunday for Asian food without seating. They will not be open on Mondays.

Mr. McCormack asked for a confirmation that they stated there would be no renovations at this time.

Attorney McAulliffe confirmed.

Mr. Richards announced the public hearing and no one spoke.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the Food Vendor License at 585 North Street subject to a Certificate of Occupancy and Sign Permit. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF E.E. ICE CREAM, LLC FOR A CHANGE OF D/B/A NAME ON THEIR COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE AT 93 PLEASANT ST. FROM THE YOGURT BAR TO E.E.'S ICE CREAM SHOPPE**

Ms. Melissa Marrone, owner, was present. She stated that the proposed name change and cosmetic changes to the ice cream shop was in anticipation of the seasonal opening.

Mr. Richards announced the public hearing and no one spoke.

Mr. McCormack said the Health Department reviewed the plans and asked for the Ms. Marrone to see their office for the name change on their permits.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve E.E. Ice Cream Shoppe at 93 Pleasant Street for the new name. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF KAI RESTAURANT, INC. D/B/A QUAN'S KITCHEN FOR A FOOD VENDOR LICENSE AT 427 WASHINGTON ST.**

Attorney Wei was present with Lixin Lin, Present of Kai Restaurant Inc., and applicant as new owner of Quan's Kitchen.

Mr. Richards reviewed the application, stating that it is for a change of ownership for the take-out business with no seating, without renovations and same hours. The lease will be assigned from 7-Eleven and Attorney Wei will resubmit it once signed.

Mr. Richards announced the public hearing for comment.

Mr. Kevin Trainor, 56 Alden Road, spoke of rats, inundated in the area with dumpster overflow. Dead rats are being found as well.

Mr. Richards stated the corridor is under review.

Mr. McCormack said the Health was involved and they are working with businesses in the area with exterminators.

Mr. Richards continued reviewing the Food Vendor License application with the hours as 11 AM - 10:30 PM Monday – Thursday; Friday & Saturday: 11 AM – 11 PM and Sunday: 11 AM – 10:30 PM. Same menu offering Chinese for take-out only. There is an existing trailer and dumpster in the back of the lot. This is a busy area and the inspectors have been out and are addressing concerns.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the Food Vendor License at 427 Washington Street, subject to the receipt of a revised lease and Health review. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF AA UNION LLC D/B/A DORA TAQUERIA FOR A COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE AT 17 UNION ST.**

Ms. Annely Aristy was present for the hearing as the manager of AA Union LLC.

Mr. Richards stated that the application has been received as well as a Building Permit application for required renovation at the site. The hours of operation would be 11 AM – 9:30 PM, seven days a week. There is to be 16 seats as approved by the Building Department and zoning review. The commercial location was empty and has been reviewed by registered engineer/architect and the Building and Health Departments.

Mr. McCormack stated the plan and food permit application would need to be submitted to the Health Department. The hood system would require Fire Department inspection.

Mr. Richards announced the public hearing; no comments were made.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the Common Victualler License at 17 Union Street under AA Union LLC d/b/a Dora Taqueria. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF WENJING YANG D/B/A BUBBLE STATION FOR A FOOD VENDOR LICENSE AT 253 WASHINGTON ST.**

Ms. Wenjing Yang, owner of property and proposed business, was present.

Mr. Richards reviewed the Food Vendor application, stating the it was for a 20 x 16 tea station as a seven-day per week, between the hours of 9 AM – 7 PM. This will be a kiosk style operation and they are looking to have a free-standing sign, to be reviewed by Planning Department. Dumpster will be located in the rear lot as per site plan approval. Mr. Richards read the report from Municipal Finance noting that there is no existing balance.

Mrs. Lefas, property owner of 21 Washington Street, spoke noting that there are four mailboxes at

the building that houses 3 families, plus a business. She was concerned about the lack of parking.

Mr. Richards informed Mrs. Lefas of the exact building which was formerly the Kaplansky Insurance Building. He also noted that there is a parking lot in the rear. The proposed location would incorporate 320 sf of the first floor in to offer tea with tapioca, known as bubble tea. Parking is adequate; on street parking is allowed for the small building and the former business known as Kaplansky Insurance.

Mrs. Lefas said they will hear it if there is a parking issue, affecting other businesses. She also noted that an exterminator is crucial, and the piece of land next to her is an eyesore, between the trees, noting a clean-up is necessary. She suggested a memorial for the two firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Mr. McCormack stated the Health Department reviewed the plan and an application is required through their department.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve 253 Washington Street as Bubble Station for a Food Vendor License. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF THYME TRAVELING MOBILE KITCHEN INC D/B/A THYME TRAVELING FOR A FOOD VENDOR LICENSE FOR THE LOCATION OF 7 PERFORMANCE DR.**

Mr. Michael Kelly, owner, introduced himself, stating they have a lease to operate selling fried chicken, fries, tacos and arancini.

Mr. Richards reviewed the Food Vendor application for a truck/trailer operation for 3 hours every Wednesday from 11:30 AM - 2 PM. The lease agreement was submitted with photos of the operation.

Deputy Chief Still noted that they have the food truck permit.

Mr. McCormack stated the Health Department has issued them a 2023 Food Truck License.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve a Food Vendor License for the 7 Performance Drive Food Truck of Thyme Traveling. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF WEYMOUTH CLUB RESTAURANT GROUP LLC FOR A CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT ON THE WINE & MALT RESTAURANT LICENSE AT 75 FINNELL DR. TO CRAVE LLC D/B/A CRAVE**

Ms. Casey Mahoney, Manager of Crave LLC and Mr. Jeff Linn, Director of Weymouth Club, were present.

Mr. Richards stated in relation to the application for a change of management for the liquor/food license, the Certificate of Inspection numbers were off as the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor was not included. This needs review and to be listed.

Mr. McCormack questioned through the Health Department who would be the food permit operator? Crave?

Mr. Lynn responded that Weymouth Club has a management agreement with Crave LLC to include the alcohol restaurant and food.

Mr. Richards reviewed the application stating the Weymouth Club is located at 75 Finnell Drive with the listed hours and seating. The operation is regulated by fire and building code through the Certificate of Occupancy and Certificate of Inspection.

Mr. McCormack said the former operation from upstairs was as catering.

Mr. Linn replied that Crave will be a year-round operation to include downstairs area.

Mr. Richards said the Certificate of Inspection would be updated for the following numbers: 167 outdoors and lower areas and 75 upstairs.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the change of management on the Wine & Malt Restaurant License to the manger as Crave LLC at 75 Finnell Drive. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF MATTHEW CHIARAMONTE D/B/A AMONTE'S PRECIOUS METALS FOR A PRECIOUS METALS LICENSE AT 99 BRIDGE ST.**

Mr. Matthew Chiaramonte, owner of Amonte's Precious Metals, was present.

Mr. Richards stated a Precious Metals License was applied for but not a Junk Dealer.

Mr. Chiaramonte confirmed that he was only applying as a Precious Metals dealer.

Mr. Richards stated the Building Department reviewed the location and had no issues. Mr. Chiaramonte has an existing location in Hingham on Whiting Street. The Municipal Finance Department reported no outstanding balances. The Police Department reported no concerns. Mr. Richards stated it was a good location.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the Precious Metals License for 99 Bridge Street. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED. A Certificate of Occupancy and Sign Permit are required and set up through the Weymouth Police Department.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- Next Meeting:

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to schedule the next meeting for Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 2 PM. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

## **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

None reported.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to adjourn at 2:34 PM. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa VanWinkle  
Recording Secretary

Approved:

Date:

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Jeffrey E. Richards, CBO, Clerk