

Minutes of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for their meeting held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at the Weymouth Town Hall, Chambers located at 75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA

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

Non-voting: Fire Deputy Chief Thomas Still; Town Solicitor Richard McLeod

Chairperson Deree called the meeting to order at 2 PM.

APPROVALS

- Minutes: August 22, 2023

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the minutes of August 22, 2023. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- One-Day Entertainment Permits: Vitamin Sea Brewing, 30 Moore Rd. (9/21, 28, 30; 10/5, 12, 19, 26; 11/2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

Mr. Richards said the application hours are: 5 PM – 8 PM, except November 16th, which are 5 PM – 10 PM.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the One-Day Entertainment Permits for Vitamin Sea Brewing, 30 Moore Road. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- Cancellation of the Class I and Class II Auto Dealer Licenses of: Cappel Management XLVII, Inc. d/b/a Ocean Honda of Weymouth, 211 Main St.

Mr. Richards noted that the Ocean Honda of Weymouth has closed and vacated the site of 211 Main Street.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to cancel the Class I & II Licenses of Cappel Management XLVII, Inc. d/b/a Ocean Honda of Weymouth for the 211 Main Street location. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- One-Day Wine & Malt Permit: Union Point Sports Café, 188 Memorial Grove Ave.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve a One-Day Wine & Malt Permit for the Union Point Sports Café at the sports complex for Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 8 AM – 8 PM and Sunday, October 8, 2023 from 10 AM – 8 PM. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

APPLICATION OF G & B, INC. D/B/A EUROMART FOR A COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE AT 88 PLEASANT ST., UNIT 101A

Mr. B. Simon Bellan, President of G & B, Inc, was present.

Mr. Richards reviewed the Common Victualler License application, noting that the location is a 1, 057 square feet unit within the newly built mixed-use building. Proposed hours: Monday – Saturday: 9 AM – 8 PM and Sunday: 11 AM - 6 PM, with a menu of sandwiches and salads. They have food safe certifications and have made the appropriate public notifications.

Mr. Bellan said they are excited to work in the Town of Weymouth and they currently are located in Hingham, with South Shore Hospital clientele.

Mr. Richards reviewed that there are to be no deliveries in the front of the building. They have a large parking lot in the back of the lot to accommodate.

Mr. Richards announced the public hearing.

Mr. Bill Kelbeck, owner of abutting Bailey's Package Store at 74 Pleasant Street, came forward, noting that they own the post office parcel as well. He said that deliveries are not to be made from the front of the building and they are to use access from the rear lot of 88 Pleasant Street.

Mr. Richards said they are welcoming the Bellans to Weymouth.

Mr. Kelbeck noted that they have two (2) parking spaces in front of the building and reiterated that deliveries are to be made from the back of the building.

Mr. McCormack said the Health Department has received the Bellan's paperwork and they are looking forward to their business operating in Weymouth.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve G & B, Inc. d/b/a EuroMart at 88 Pleasant Street, Unit 101A for a Common Victualler License with deliveries to be made in the rear lot and for no parking at the Post Office parking lot. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

APPLICATION OF VQM, INC D/B/A WASHINGTON STREET LIQUOR MART FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE ALL ALCOHOLIC PACKAGE STORE LICENSE OF HAPPY FAMILY LIQUORS, INC. AT 21 WASHINGTON ST.

Attorney Khuong Nguyen was present with his clients, the Nguyen's and Ms. Doan.

Mr. Richards reviewed the transfer application, noting that the public notification was made. He also said that there is a zoning ordinance relative to signage and the window advertisements are to be kept up to 25%.

Attorney Nguyen stated his clients have been in the business previously at the site (2015-2019). Mr. Quang Nguyen and Mr. Vinh Nguyen as well as his wife are interested in getting back in the business and have the experience in running a package store.

Mr. Richards announced the public hearing. No one came forward to speak.

Mr. Richards discussed the area and the fact that the Nguyen's know the area and how the business runs. There is parking in the back and traffic in the area. They received a comment from the Planning Department that the signage is to be kept down to the maximum of 25%. This does apply to the site and it is currently in violation.

Mr. McCormack asked if the current owner will be involved.

Attorney Nguyen replied no, they are selling as a transfer.

Mr. McCormack stated should they intend to sell tobacco products they must apply through the Health Department for a permit. In 2022, the business was found in violation of selling to minors and they were fined. Also, in 2018 there were violations for the sale of liquor to minors. They need to be aware of laws associated with sale of both tobacco and alcohol.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve VQM, Inc. d/b/a Washington Street Liquor Mart for the transfer of the All Alcoholic Package Store License of Happy Family Liquors, Inc. at 21 Washington Street. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Next Meeting:

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to schedule the next meeting for October 31, 2023 at 2 PM. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- Open Meeting Law Complaint received July 24, 2023, concerning Town Clerk/Board of Licensing Commissioners

Solicitor McLeod said he filed a response to the complainant and the State. There was no appeal.

- Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Regulations

Solicitor McLeod noted that the application and instructions had been drafted and were approved

at the last meeting. Regulations will be changed per updated CMR regulations, and they are also subject to an ordinance change by Town Council approval.

Draft regulations will be made available to the Licensing Board for a future hearing approval. Fees are also to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to adjourn at 2:21 PM. Mr. McCormack seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa VanWinkle
Recording Secretary

Approved:

Date:

Jeffrey E. Richards, CBO, Clerk