

Minutes of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for their meeting held on Tuesday, October 30, 2018, at the Weymouth Town Hall, Chambers located at 75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA

Attendance (present): Acting Chairman Daniel McCormack, Director of Public Health; Jeffrey E. Richards, Director of Municipal Licenses & Inspections, Clerk; Police Chief Richard Grimes;; Captain Thomas Still; and Licensing Officer Edward Chase (absent): Kathleen A. Deree, Town Clerk and Fire Chief Keith Stark

Acting Chairman McCormack called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

## **APPROVALS**

- Minutes: September 25, 2018

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the minutes of September 25, 2018. Chief Grimes seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- One-Day Wine & Malt Permit: Saint Jerome Parish, 632 Bridge St.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve a One-Day Wine & Malt Permit for Saint Jerome Parish for a dance to be held on November 3, 2018 from 6 PM – 11 PM. Chief Grimes seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- One-Day Wine & Malt Permit: Immaculate Conception Parish, 1203 Commercial St.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve a One-Day Wine & Malt Permit for Immaculate Conception Parish for a Musical Bingo night to be held on January 26, 2019 from 6 PM – 11 PM. Chief Grimes seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **APPLICATION OF MUNG MEE, LLC D/B/A THAIBARSHI FOR A WINE & MALT RESTAURANT/Common Victualler License at 336 Washington St.**

Attorney George Lane, III and Mr. Patibhan Thapanagkun, Manager, were present.

Mr. Richards stated the application packet and plan was submitted. Proper notification was made. Applicants are TIP's trained.

Attorney Lane stated they already received their food license. They decided to apply for a Wine & Malt license as well. It is a restaurant with 28 seats, and a 2,600 square feet space. If granted, the emphasis will not be on alcohol but rather food. It would be a supplement to the menu. They are TIPS trained and they will form policies for service. No one under 30 years of age would be served.

Mr. McCormack opened the public hearing for comment.

Mr. Robert Luongo, Planning Director, came forward stating the last occupant at Fox Plaza was required to screen the dumpster. The dumpster is screened in adequately and the fence should be higher in height. He recommended that the landlord be involved.

Mr. McCormack closed the hearing and the item was directed back to the Board for discussion.

Attorney Lane stated his client would speak to the landlord about the fence.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve Mungmee, LLC d/b/a Thaibarshi for a Wine & Malt Restaurant License at 336 Washington Street. Chief Grimes seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF YOGI RAJ CORP D/B/A CURTIS LIQUORS FOR AN ALL ALCOHOLIC PACKAGE STORE LICENSE TRANSFER AT 486 COLUMBIAN ST.**

**APPLICATION OF YOGI RAJ CORP D/B/A CURTIS LIQUORS FOR A PLEDGE OF THE ALL ALCOHOLIC PACKAGE STORE LICENSE & INVENTORY TO ROCKLAND TRUST COMPANY, 486 COLUMBIAN ST.**

Attorney Matthew Porter and Mr. Jay Patel, President, were present.

Mr. Richards noted that the license has been active for many years. They are going to transfer the Liquor License from Mr. Rick Cutis, Curtis Farms. They made proper notification to abutters. He also stated the application was complete. The Health Department would need to be contacted for food and tobacco permits.

Attorney Porter stated Mr. Patel is a 100% shareholder of the Corporation and has been in the business for nearly two decades. He has a clean record and a very good reputation. You won't see much of a change at the store. Mr. Patel is TIPS trained and the store name will remain Curtis Liquors. He's been a member of the Mass Package Store Association for the last several years. He's well-versed in this area and understands the responsibilities that come along with it. Mr. Rick Curtis will stay on board on a consulting basis. The majority of the employees will be retained and the general manager will stay onboard as well. It's been a successful store and will continue to be that way.

Mr. Richards asked for them to briefly describe the public need in that area.

Attorney Porter replied the public need has been reviewed for the area. There aren't many stores at that location; it's at least a mile away from another full package store. It's operated for the last 37 years very efficiently and goes to say the public likes this location.

Mr. Richards stated the Town issued a Sign Permit for the location for a LED sign. They are in the process of making requirements for that type of sign. This is something new to Town, and if it is too bright, they would like to be able to comment on it.

Mr. McCormack opened the public hearing for comment.

Mr. Robert Luongo, Planning Director, spoke, stating Rick Curtis has operated at the location for a number of years and he's sad to see him leave. He's been a responsible businessman and has contributed to the Town. We hope to see the new owners following in his steps.

Mr. McCormack closed the public hearing.

Mr. Rick Curtis, Curtis Liquors, stated the family business has been established for 63 years. The liquor store, 37 years. He has known Jay Patel as a member of the Mass Package Store Association and being in the industry for over 20 years. He is a man of integrity and trust.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve Yogi Raj Corp. d/b/a Curtis Liquors for an All Alcoholic Package Store License transfer at 486 Columbian Street. Chief Grimes seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the All Alcoholic Package Store license and inventory pledge to Rockland Trust Company. Chief Grimes seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Patel said that Mr. Curtis had done a phenomenal job throughout the years and he plans on continuing the same.

**APPLICATION OF MJ RESTAURANT GROUP LLC D/B/A THE MOORING BAR & GRILL FOR A CHANGE OF MANAGER ON THEIR ALL ALCOHOLIC RESTAURANT LICENSE, 117 BRIDGE ST.**

Mr. Glynne, owner, and Mr. James Hardy, proposed Manager, were present.

Mr. Glynne said they are looking for an approval of a new manager as soon as possible. Mr. Hardy has been working with them for some time now.

Mr. Hardy stated he's been working with The Mooring Bar & Grill for a year and a half as the Kitchen Manager and assisting the General Manager. He is TIPS certified and had experience with Montilio's as well.

Mr. McCormack announced the public hearing for comment.

Mr. John Deady spoke in favor of the request noting that he is very familiar with the Mooring and Mr. Hardy.

Mr. McCormack closed the public hearing.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the change of manager for The Mooring Bar & Grill at 117 Bridge Street. Chief Grimes seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF CLASSIC MARKET INC. D/B/A CLASSIC MARKET FOR A FOOD VENDOR LICENSE AT 7 UNION ST.**

Mr. Rukhsana Anjum, owner, was present.

Mr. Richards stated the application paperwork was in order. The abutters were notified. Existing plan was submitted. If granted the applicant needs to file paperwork for Health Permits and an operating inspection is required.

Mr. McCormack asked if they were proposing any changes.

Mr. Anjum replied they weren't.

Mr. McCormack announced the public hearing for comment.

Ms. Pam Tantilini, landlord spoke in favor of the request, welcoming the applicant to Columbian Square.

Mr. McCormack closed the public hearing.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the Food Vendor License at 7 Union Street. Chief Grimes seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- Next Meeting:

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup> as the future meeting dates. Chief Grimes seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Licensing Officer Chase RE: Incidents at McSwiggan's, 450 Washington St.

Chief Grimes agreed that the three separate incidents are at a level that they require a hearing. It was agreed to schedule the hearing for the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Witnesses would be secured.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to schedule hearings for December 18<sup>th</sup>. Chief Grimes seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to adjourn at 2:26 PM. Chief Grimes seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lisa VanWinkle

Recording Secretary

Approved:

Date:

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Jeffrey E. Richards, Clerk

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