

Minutes of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for their meeting held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at the Weymouth Town Hall, Chambers located at 75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA

Attendance (present): Chairperson Kathleen A. Deree, Town Clerk; Jeffrey E. Richards, Director of Municipal Licenses & Inspections, Clerk; Daniel McCormack, Director of Public Health; Police Chief Richard Grimes; Fire Chief Keith Stark; Fire Deputy Chief Thomas Still; Solicitor Joseph Callanan and Officer Sean Murphy

Chairperson Deree called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

APPROVALS

- Minutes: August 20, 2019

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the minutes of August 20, 2019. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- Carnival Permit: The Great Pumpkin Give-A-Wey (WHS – 10/6/19)

Mrs. Kerry Knapp, Mayor's Assistant, presented the application for a Carnival Permit for It's 2 Cool to be held on October 6, 2019 from 12 PM – 4 PM at the Weymouth High School. She was also seeking One-Day Food Vendor Permits.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the Carnival Permit for the Great Pumpkin Give-A-Wey on October 6th from 12 PM – 4 PM. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- One-Day Food Vendor Permits: The Great Pumpkin Give-A-Wey

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the list of Food Vendors for the One-Day permits for the Great Pumpkin Give-A-Wey. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- Sunday Entertainment Permit: The Great Pumpkin Give-A-Wey

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the Sunday Entertainment Permit for October 6th. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

Mr. Richards made a MOTION for an extension of hours on September 30th and October 3rd. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- One-Day Liquor Permit: St. Albert the Great Church, 234 Pleasant St.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the One-Day Liquor Permit for St. Albert the Great

Church for an event on October 19, 2019 from 6 PM – 11 PM. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- One-Day Wine & Malt Permit: St. Jerome's School, 598 Bridge St.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION of approval for a One-Day Wine & Malt Permit event to be held on October 4, 2019 from 7 PM – 11 PM. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

Mr. Richards made a MOTION of approval for a One-Day Wine & Malt Permit event to be held on October 12th from 6-9 PM. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

Mr. Richards made a MOTION of approval for a One-Day Wine & Malt Permit event to be held on November 2nd from 5-11 PM. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

APPLICATION OF SWILLY RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. D/B/A SUNNYSIDE FOR A COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE AT 400 BRIDGE ST.

Ms. Laura O'Sullivan, proposed owner, and Attorney Carolyn Conway were present for the hearing.

Attorney Conway stated they are proposing a new menu, more modern. They will be open 5 AM – 2 PM and potentially operating every day except for Tuesdays.

Mr. Richards said a letter should be submitted for the record, if they would like to retract Tuesdays. He also noted that the taxes had been paid. They will put the restaurant through the Certificate of Occupancy process.

Mr. Richards noted the parking situation, stating Mass Highway is looking into posting "No Parking" signs along on Bridge Street.

Ms. O'Sullivan said she spoke with the auto body shop and they agreed that the parking lot would be available, as it is a part of the shopping mall. Auto body shop is closed Saturdays and Sundays.

Mr. McCormack stated the Health Department has been to the site and there are some items that need to be taken care of.

Deputy Chief Small asked if they were planning on doing renovations. He said he will inspect before the opening.

Ms. O'Sullivan stated they have been doing touch up work and do not plan on closing for

renovations.

Mr. Richards announced the public hearing for comment. There was none.

Mr. McCormack stated the Health Department would need to receive their applications and Food Safety Certifications are required.

Mr. Richards said they would be applying for a Sign Permit and Certificate of Occupancy.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION for an approval of the Common Victualler license at 400 Bridge Street. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

APPLICATION OF 4TH & CHERRY INC. D/B/A PASSPORT SIPS AND TAPAS FOR A CHANGE OF OPERATIONAL HOURS ON THEIR ALL ALCOHOLIC RESTAURANT/COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSES AT 59 WASHINGTON ST.

Mrs. Inga Orozco, owner, was present for the application.

Mr. Richards read the proposed hours in to the record: current hours for Sunday are 11 AM – 3 PM and proposed hours are 4 PM – 11 PM; Monday: closed; Tuesday through Thursday: current 4 PM – 1 AM and proposed 4 PM – 12 AM; Friday and Saturday: current 4 PM – 1 AM with no change.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the change of hours on the All Alcoholic Restaurant License at 59 Washington Street. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

APPLICATION OF JACKSON SQUARE RESTAURANT LLC D/B/A THE VENETIAN FOR AN ALL ALCOHOLIC RESTAURANT LICENSE TRANSFER FROM THE VENETIAN INC. AT 909 BROAD ST.

Attorney Adam Barnosky was present with Mr. Eric Papachristos, proposed owner, and Mr. Paul King, proposed manager.

Attorney Barnosky said this is the long-time location of the Venetian in Jackson Square. The description of the premises is a full service restaurant with 8,100 square feet and seating for approximately 158. There's an adjacent parking lot with 60 spaces. There will be some renovations with the change of ownership. The construction budget is \$125,000, changing equipment, fixtures and décor. The overall layout of the restaurant will not change. Proposed hours are seven days per week 11 AM – 1 AM. They originally applied for the 12 AM license, but would like to amend that to 1 AM. The hours weren't included in the notice to the abutters.

Attorney Barnosky introduced Mr. Papachristos stating he is in the restaurant hospitality in Boston and Cambridge and runs and owns five locations in the Commonwealth. He grew up in Weymouth and is familiar with the area. His father owns the restaurant across the street. Mr. Papachristos has a business degree from Suffolk and a master's degree in finance from Northeastern. Mr. King is the

proposed manager and has 30 years of experience in the hospitality field, most recently at Davio's. He will be in charge of hiring and training as well as restaurant operations. He will be in charge of the overall operation of alcohol sales. They are applying for a pledge of the liquor license to Coastal Heritage Bank to secure funding for their construction budget.

Mr. Papachristos stated he grew up in Weymouth, arriving in 1986. His father bought the A&H Restaurant, back in the day, and converted into Niko's Restaurant. He was the dish washer. He grew up in Weymouth and graduated from Weymouth High in 1994. He went on to get his graduate degree. He went on to work in the corporate world and something pulled him towards the hospitality industry. He opened his first bar in downtown Boston in 2004. Subsequently, he has five restaurants in Boston and Cambridge with his partner. He stated he is super excited to take on the Venetian as there is something special about Jackson Square. He will continue to do what his father has within the neighborhood.

Mr. McCormack stated it has been a very busy restaurant for years. Mr. Pica has done a good job there. Some of the equipment is older and needs to be updated. He asked that the Health Department be given a set of eligible plans.

Mr. Papachristos said they were planning on reupholstering the seating, refinishing the tables, refinishing and painting the walls. The bar seems to be antiquated. Update the signage or awning outside.

Mr. McCormack said they may want to hire a plumber for the hot water, as it has been an issue there.

Mr. Richards said the restaurant is aged. They can work with the Town staff to implement changes.

Mr. Richards announced the public hearing for comment; none.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve Jackson Square Restaurant LLC d/b/a The Venetian at 909 Broad Street for the All Alcoholic Restaurant license transfer. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

APPLICATION OF JACKSON SQUARE RESTAURANT LLC D/B/A THE VENETIAN FOR A PLEDGE OF THE ALL ALCOHOLIC RESTAURANT LICENSE TO COASTAL HERITAGE BANK

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the pledge of the All Alcoholic Restaurant license to Coastal Heritage Bank. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

APPLICATION OF JACKSON SQUARE RESTAURANT LLC D/B/A THE VENETIAN FOR A COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE AT 909 BROAD ST.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the application for a Common Victualler license at 909 Broad Street. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF MOATAZ ELBEHIRY D/B/A SHAWARMA CLUB FOR A FOOD
VENDOR LICENSE AT 856 WASHINGTON ST.**

Mr. Richards read a letter in to the record, requesting for a continuance.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the request for the hearing to be continued until their next meeting. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Next Meeting:

Mr. Richards stated the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 2 PM. He made a MOTION of approval. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- Weymouth House of Pizza, 779 Broad St.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to accept the surrender of the Wine & Malt Restaurant License of the Weymouth House of Pizza, 779 Broad Street. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to adjourn at 2:20 PM. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa VanWinkle
Recording Secretary

Approved:

Date:

Jeffrey E. Richards, C.B.O., Clerk, Director of Municipal Licenses & Inspections