

Minutes of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for their meeting held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020, 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; Fire Chief Keith Stark; Police Chief Richard Fuller; Solicitor Joseph Callanan; Fire Deputy Chief Justin Myers and Officer Edward Chase

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

## **APPROVALS**

- Minutes: June 30, 2020

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the minutes of June 30, 2020. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **APPLICATION OF BALOR ENTERPRISE LLC D/B/A FUEL AMERICA FOR A WINE & MALT RESTAURANT LICENSE AT 143 WASHINGTON ST.**

Mr. Victor Barros, owner, was present for the application.

Mr. Richards stated the proposed application is for a 1,500 square foot restaurant at 143 Washington Street. The application was in order. The hours of operation were discussed as 5 PM – 10 PM with finger foods being available with the alcoholic beverages.

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

Mr. McCormack said the Health Department is not in receipt of a food permit application as yet. Per the indoor seating plan, there is a concern, where they should be in accordance with COVID 19 Regulations, being at least six feet apart.

Deputy Myers stated the Fire Department had a concern with the indoor seating as well.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the Wine & Malt Restaurant License of Balor Enterprise LLC d/b/a Fuel America for the location of 143 Washington Street. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **APPLICATION OF BALOR ENTERPRISE LLC D/B/A FUEL AMERICA FOR A COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE AT 143 WASHINGTON ST.**

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the Common Victualler license at 143 Washington Street. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **APPLICATION OF BALOR ENTERPRISE LLC D/B/A FUEL AMERICA FOR AN ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE AT 143 WASHINGTON ST.**

Mr. McCormack stated the Health Department addresses noise complaints. Where they are proposing entertainment outdoors, he stated he would not want it to become a nuisance issue. Should there be a future issue, it will be addressed at a meeting of the Licensing Board.

Mr. Richards made s MOTION to approve an Annual Entertainment License at 143 Washington Street. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF RFS STORE 134, INC. D/B/A RICHDALE FOOD SHOPS FOR A FOOD VENDOR LICENSE AT 1025 MAIN ST.**

Mr. Barznab Khan, President of RFS Store 134, Inc. was present.

Mr. Richards stated they applied for a Food Vendor license for coffee. Operational hours are 6 AM – 11 PM 7 days per week. This is a 2,600 square foot location.

Mr. McCormack stated there's no proposed changes, other than a change of ownership. The Health Department will be by to inspect the location prior to operation.

Mr. Richards stated a Certificate of Occupancy would be required through the Building Department and inspections would be required.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve a Food Vendor License at 1025 Main Street to RFS Store 134 Inc. d/b/a Richdale Food Shops. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF PARI CORP. D/B/A TOWERS LIQUOR MART FOR AN ALL ALCOHOLIC PACKAGE STORE LICENSE TRANSFER FROM NEMIL & DIVY CORPORATION AT 825 MIDDLE ST.**

Attorney Matthew Porter was present.

Mr. Richards stated the paperwork was complete for a transfer of the All Alcoholic Package Store license.

Mr. McCormack stated through the Health Department a Food Permit and Tobacco License are required. If they continue the operation they would need to apply with Health.

Mr. Richards stated a Certificate of Occupancy is required and is subject to inspections.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the All Alcoholic Package Store license transfer at 825 Middle Street to Pari Corp. d/b/a Towers Liquor Mart. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF PARI CORP. D/B/A TOWERS LIQUOR MART FOR A PLEDGE OF THE ALL ALCOHOLIC PACKAGE STORE LICENSE & INVENTORY AT 825 MIDDLE ST.**

**TO ROCKLAND TRUST COMPANY**

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the pledge of liquor license and inventory at 825 Middle Street to Rockland Trust Company. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF FARMHOUSE BAKING CO LLC D/B/A FARMHOUSE BAKING CO CAFÉ FOR A FOOD VENDOR LICENSE, 12 COLUMBIAN ST.**

Mr. Michael Anderson, owner, was present.

Mr. Richards stated the Food Vendor license application was for a no seat, retail operation, selling coffee, cookies and pastries.

Deputy Myers stated where it is not an existing food prep spot, he will need to see plans. It is a B Use Group for occupancy.

Mr. Anderson stated they would be using a single commercial grade oven for baking.

Mr. Richards stated it would be subject to a Certificate of Occupancy and building fit out.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the Food Vendor license at 12 Columbian Street, subject to fire code and building code. Chief Starke seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

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

Mr. Moataz Elbehiry, owner, was present.

Mr. Richards stated the application was for a change of d/b/a name to Shawarma and Shakes and an added menu item of shakes. The hours of operation will be: Monday through Thursday: 10 AM – 8 PM; Friday and Saturday: 10 AM - 9 PM and Sunday: 12 PM – 8 PM with zero seats at the old pizza shop.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the application of Moataz Elbehiry d/b/a Shawarma and Shakes at 856 Washington Street. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF J&L RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. D/B/A GRILLE 151 FOR AN ALL ALCOHOLIC RESTAURANT LICENSE AT 151 MAIN ST.**

Attorney John Walker and Mr. Christopher DiMambro, President, were present.

Mr. Richards read the Health Department referral into the record, stating if license is issued, a

permit to operate a food establishment must also be obtained at the Health Department. They must submit the following: floor plan layout, Food Permit application, Worker's Compensation Affidavit, Food Manager, Allergen Awareness and Choke Saver Certificates and the appropriate fee. The establishment must be inspected prior to opening.

Mr. Richards stated the site has been gutted per Building Permit.

Deputy Myers said the Fire Department has reviewed the plans.

Attorney Walker noted that the square footage on #3 description of the application should be 9,970 not 7,790 sq. ft.

Mr. DiMambro was questioned about the kitchen equipment layout.

Deputy Myers noted that the hood change layout of equipment would need to be approved by the Fire Department.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the All Alcoholic Restaurant License to J&L Restaurant Group, Inc. d/b/a Grille 151 at 151 Main Street. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF J&L RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. D/B/A GRILLE 151 FOR A COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE AT 151 MAIN ST.**

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the Common Victualler License at 151 Main Street. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF BRIKENA NICA & FATOS PENKO D/B/A EXPRESS PIZZA FOR A FOOD VENDOR LICENSE AT 583 NORTH ST.**

Mr. Anthony Ziotis, current owner, was present.

Mr. Richards stated the application is for new ownership for a pizza and sub shop. The executed lease was submitted. Proposed hours are: Monday through Sunday: 11 AM – 10 PM. This is a no seat location and take out only.

Mr. McCormack stated a Food Permit application is due to the Health Department.

Deputy Myers said a hood inspection would be required through the Fire Department.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the Food Vendor license of Brikena Nica & Fatos Penko d/b/a Express Pizza at 583 North Street. 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 13, 2020 at 2 PM due to the election schedule. He made a MOTION of approval. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- KENO Application – 7-Eleven, 259 Bridge St.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to acknowledge the KENO License application of 7-Eleven at 259 Bridge Street. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to adjourn at 2:25 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, C.B.O., Clerk, Director of Municipal Licenses & Inspections