

Minutes of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for their meeting held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at the Weymouth Town Hall, Chambers located at 75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA

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

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

## **APPROVALS**

- Minutes: September 28, 2021

Mr. McCormack made a MOTION to approve the minutes of September 28, 2021. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF RISING TIDE HOSPITALITY, LLC D/B/A JOHNNY KONO'S BAR AND GRILL FOR AN ALL ALCOHOLIC RESTAURANT LICENSE TRANSFER FROM JOHNNY KONO'S BAR AND GRILL, INC. AT 269 PARK AVE.**

Attorney Gregory Galvin and Mr. Stephen Arakelian, applicant, were present.

Mr. McCormack announced the hearing noting that the application was for a transfer of the existing All Alcoholic Restaurant License of Johnny Kono's Bar and Grill, Inc. at 269 Park Avenue.

Attorney Galvin stated Mr. Arakelian is purchasing the restaurant known as Johnny Kono's Bar and Grill. Mr. Arakelian has been in the restaurant business for over fifteen years and most recently was the manager of the Fenway Park Yard House. He lives in Weymouth with his young family. There will be no change to the existing building or products being sold there. Mr. Perette, current owner, is present and most of the employees will stay on. Mr. Arakelian is TIPs certified, allergen and choke certified and understands the necessity for this.

Mr. McCormack stated the application is for a transfer of the All Alcoholic Restaurant license for a 1,525 square foot premises with the hours of operation as: 8 AM – 1 AM Monday through Saturday and 10 AM – 1 AM on Sundays. The restaurant has 45 seats.

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

Mr. McCormack stated Mr. Arakelian is aware of the Health Department requirements. The approval of the license is subject to a Certificate of Occupancy through the Building Department.

Mr. McCormack made a MOTION to approve the transfer of the All Alcoholic Restaurant license of Johnny Kono's Bar and Grill, Inc. to Rising Tide Hospitality, LLC at 269 Park Avenue. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF RISING TIDE HOSPITALITY, LLC D/B/A JOHNNY KONO'S BAR AND GRILL FOR A PLEDGE OF THE ALL ALCOHOLIC RESTAURANT LICENSE AT 269 PARK AVE. TO JON PERETTE**

Attorney Galvin said that Mr. Perette is assisting with a small loan. Therefore, the application includes a pledge of the liquor license, stock and equipment to Jon Perette.

Mr. McCormack made a MOTION to approved the pledge application to Jon Perette. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF RISING TIDE HOSPITALITY, LLC D/B/A JOHNNY KONO'S BAR AND GRILL FOR A COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE AT 269 PARK AVE.**

Attorney Galvin stated the menu will be the same and they understand that the pizza take-out business is exploding.

Mr. McCormack stated the approval would be subject to Health Department requirements and a Certificate of Occupancy through the Building Department.

Mr. McCormack made a MOTION of approval. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF RISING TIDE HOSPITALITY, LLC D/B/A JOHNNY KONO'S BAR AND GRILL FOR A JUKE BOX LICENSE AT 269 PARK AVE.**

Attorney Galvin stated the application is for the current music system.

Mr. McCormack made a MOTION to approve a Juke Box License. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF RISING TIDE HOSPITALITY, LLC D/B/A JOHNNY KONO'S BAR AND GRILL FOR A SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE AT 269 PARK AVE.**

Mr. McCormack made a MOTION to approve a Sunday Entertainment License for the Juke Box. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF MANG MEE CORPORATION D/B/A COZY PHO & THAI KITCHEN FOR A COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE AT 1616 MAIN ST.**

Attorney Dana Myers and Ms. Kansinee Sermkikamjorn, owner, were present.

Attorney Myers stated the proposed restaurant will be a new business at the location of 1616 Main St. Ms. Sermkikamjorn has been in the restaurant business for 10 years. The proposed hours are: 11:30 AM – 9 PM Sunday through Thursday and 11:30 AM – 9:30 PM on Friday and Saturdays. They will have 56 seats.

Mr. McCormack stated the Health Permit and requirements are subject to a Certificate of Occupancy through the Building Department.

Mr. McCormack made a MOTION of approval of the Common Victualler License at 1616 Main Street. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF HUNGRY LYONS LLC D/B/A HUNGRY LYONS MARKET & DELI FOR A FOOD VENDOR LICENSE AT 39 TROTTER AVE.**

Mr. Christopher Lyons and Mrs. Cynthia Lyons were present.

Mrs. Lyons explained that the application was for a market offering a deli, sandwiches and convenience items. They have been in the business for 20 years.

Mr. McCormack stated the site is within a brand-new building. The build out is subject to Building, Health and Fire review. There is a retail component as well.

Mr. McCormack announced the public hearing for comment.

Mr. Charles Wilson, Uncle Charlie's Restaurant, spoke about the parking in the area. It was noted that there are 10 spots dedicated to the proposed site. There will be no seating.

Mrs. Lyons said that they negotiated parking spaces within their lease agreement.

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

Mr. McCormack made a MOTION to approve a Food Vendor License at 39 Trotter Road. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**APPLICATION OF TERRI STANTON D/B/A PSYCHIC VISION FOR A FORTUNE TELLER LICENSE, 177 BRIDGE ST.**

Ms. Terri Stanton, owner of Psychic Vision, was present. She stated she is applying for a Fortune Teller at 177 Bridge Street to perform palm and card readings.

Mr. McCormack made a MOTION to approve the Fortune Teller License at 177 Bridge Street. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- Next Meeting:

Mr. McCormack made a MOTION to schedule the next meeting for Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 2 PM. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- License Renewals are to be distributed during the week of November 1<sup>st</sup>

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McCormack made a MOTION to adjourn at 2:19 PM. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa VanWinkle  
Recording Secretary

Approved:

Date:

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Daniel McCormack, Acting Clerk