

Minutes of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for their meeting held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at the Weymouth Town Hall, Chambers, 75 Middle Street

Attendance (present): Chairperson Kathleen A. Deree; Jeffrey E. Richards, Director of Municipal Licenses & Inspections; Daniel McCormack, Director of Public Health; Police Chief Richard Grimes; Fire Chief Keith Stark; Licensing Officer Edward Chase and Captain Justin Myers, Fire Prevention

Chairperson Deree called the meeting to order at 2 PM.

APPLICATION OF OLYMPIC PIZZA, INC. FOR AN INCREASE OF SEATING ON THE COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE AT 15 UNION ST.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to continue the hearing to next date. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to take **APPROVAL** items out of order. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- Carnival Permit: 4th of July Committee (Fireworks Event on July 3, 2017)

Ms. Kerry Knapp, Mayor's Assistant, was present. She stated the Annual 4th of July event would be held on Monday, July 3rd at the George Lane Beach. It's 2 Cool would be providing operators for inflatables and games and a list of vendors had been provided. The event would take place between 5 PM – 9:30 PM.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION of approval for the Carnival Permit. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CHAPTER 138 HEARING TO CONSIDER MODIFICATION, SUSPENSION, REVOCATION OR CANCELLATION OF THE ALL ALCOHOLIC PACKAGE STORE LICENSE OF E & N LIQUORS, INC. D/B/A WASHINGTON STREET LIQUOR MART AT 21 WASHINGTON ST.

Mr. Richards stated the hearing was for an incident that occurred at E & N Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Washington Street Liquors that occurred on March 24, 2017.

Attorney John Walker and Mr. Nguyen were present for the hearing. Attorney Walker stated they reviewed the police report of the incident and found no objection to it, as written.

Mr. Richards made a finding through a MOTION that there was a violation of the establishment on March 24, 2017 of a sale of alcohol to an underaged person. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Richards asked if the store has done any measures to make sure that it doesn't happen again.

Attorney Walker stated he attempted to suggest that his client have a “no license, no liquor” policy. His client is going to try to educate his staff to accommodate that rule.

Chief Grimes stated he found it a little troubling that when the Detectives went to the site to discuss the matter and ask to view the video tape that they were denied access to the tapes.

Mr. Nguyen replied that at the time he was embarrassed, nervous and shocked and just wanted to talk to someone.

Chief Grimes stated from the Police Department stand they would like the licensees to cooperate. He asked what actions they will take to correct the situation.

Attorney Walker restated that they were going to adopt a “no license, no liquor” policy.

Chief Grimes replied they would look to see how it works. He asked that they cooperate with the Police in the future should a circumstance arise, that requires their assistance, whether it be viewing the video tapes or whatever it may be.

Mr. Nguyen understood.

Mr. Richards said under the Liquor Violation Guidelines, the incident would be considered a second offense and the Guidelines state that it may be assessed a three to six day suspension.

Mr. McCormack thanked the Police Department for working on these issues. He stated the Health Department also works throughout the Town making sure the establishments don't sell alcohol or tobacco to underaged individuals. Some of the items in the Guidelines would be: the number of offenses = second; degree of inspection, etc. = they knew it was a violation, as the Police were there. They also requested a copy of the video tapes and they weren't provided; severity and type of offense = alcohol sales to a minor is very severe; efforts to identify purchaser, if any = there was no effort to try to identify the individual.

Mr. McCormack made a MOTION as it was a second offense within two years, and they have the ability under the Liquor Violation Guidelines to suspend the liquor license for two to six days, for a suspension of the All Alcoholic Package Store License for six days. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Richards stated the effective date of the suspension would commence on July 6th through July 11th.

Officer Chase stated he would see the establishment on the night before the suspension to retrieve the liquor license.

Mr. Richards stated they owe a minor amount for personal property taxes.

APPLICATION OF PILGRIM COIN & CURRENCY INC. FOR A PRECIOUS METALS LICENSE AT 399 WASHINGTON ST.

Mr. David Pepe was present for the application.

Mr. Richards stated they have a three-month lease with DelGreco to sell out their jewelry.

Mr. Pepe clarified that their lease is for a year and DelGreco would like to keep their license active for three months. He continues to be scrap gold, silver, and bullion from customer's collections. His focus is on coins, not so much jewelry, and make a living. He's been working for DelGreco for 20 years. He will focus on retail sales and deal with collections.

Mr. Richards stated after the three-month period, DelGreco will hopefully have sold their stock and surrender their license. The point of the renewal is that be able to achieve this. It will be one licensed establishment after that point.

Mr. Pepe stated his goal is to be up and running by September 1st.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve a Precious Metals License to Pilgrim Coin & Currency, LLC. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

APPLICATION OF MARISSA GRACE CAFÉ INCORPORATED D/B/A OPEN DOORS CAFÉ FOR A FOOD VENDOR LICENSE, 63 WASHINGTON ST.

Mr. Richards stated the location is 60'x29' and they will be selling coffee, smoothies and tea between the hours of 7 AM – 3:30 PM. Licensing Officer Chase reported no public safety objections. Mr. Richards said this has been in the making for a while and the upstairs area will remain as a yoga studio. Where it is a continuation of the use the Building Department has no objection to the extension.

The representative of Marissa Grace Café Inc. stated they wanted to offer the smoothies to their clients. This will be a new feature to their operation.

Lt. Myers asked if it were just coffee, tea and smoothies and nothing was being cooked.

Marissa Grace Café Inc. representative replied it would be drinks only.

Lt. Myers stated should they wish to change the menu to cook and serve food, they would be required to come back for further approvals.

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

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve a Food Vendor license to Open Doors Café at 63 Washington St. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

LICENSE RENEWALS

- Antique Dealers

1. Bridge Antiques, 398 Bridge St.
2. That Little Basket, 1610 Main St.
3. Philip Smith d/b/a Landing Antiques, 145 Commercial St.

Mr. Richards read the report from Officer Chase into the record, stating an inspection of all holders was carried out, and as a result all license holders were found to be in compliance.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve Antique Dealer licenses. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- Fortune Tellers

1. Mary Mitchell d/b/a Psychic Readings by Mary, 1099 Main St.
2. Joanne McManus d/b/a The Light Inside, 175 Middle St.
3. Terry Porter, 8 Union St.
4. Terry Stanton d/b/a Psychic Vision, 177 Bridge St.

Mr. Richards read the report from Officer Chase into the record, stating an inspection of all holders was carried out, and as a result, all license holders were found to be in compliance.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve Fortune Tellers licenses. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- Junk Dealers

1. Weymouth Salvage Co., 307 Middle St.
2. Ernie's Salvage, LLC, 86 Finnell Dr.

Mr. Richards read the report from Officer Chase into the record, stating an inspection of all holders was carried out, and as a result, all license holders were found to be in compliance. It was noted that Weymouth Salvage's license will remain active per DEP conditions until they completely close out the establishment.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve Junk Dealers licenses. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- Precious Metals

1. Adrian's Jewelry, 140 Pleasant St.
2. Bridge Antiques, 398 Bridge St.
3. Del Greco Coins Inc., 399 Washington St.
4. Harborlight Jewelers, 416 Bridge St.
5. Harts, Inc., 1356 Washington St.
6. Snyder Jewelers, 89 Pleasant St.

Mr. Richards read the report from Officer Chase into the record, stating an inspection of all holders was carried out, and as a result, all license holders were found to be in compliance.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve Precious Metals licenses. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

APPROVALS

- Minutes: May 23, 2017

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the minutes. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- One-Day Food Vendor Permits: 4th of July Committee

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the One-Day Food Vendor Permits for the 4th of July event to be held on July 3, 2017. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- One-Day Vendor Permits: 4th of July Committee

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the One-Day Vendor Permits for the 4th of July event to be held on July 3, 2017. Chief Stark seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

- One-Day Liquor Permit: Weymouth Rotary Club, Inc.

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to approve the One-Day Liquor Permit for Weymouth Rotary Club for the event on June 23, 2017 from 6 PM – 10 PM. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Lt. Myers questioned the location. The other events are being held in Rockland. The parking is in Weymouth.

Mr. Richards stated he would clarify the location – 23 Memorial Drive.

- One-Day Liquor Permit: Weymouth Elks, 1197 Washington St.

Mr. Richards stated the event was for an Annual Motorcycle Run to be held on July 15, 2017 from 10 AM – 6 PM.

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Meeting Schedule

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to schedule the next meeting for July 25, 2017 at 2 PM.

Mr. McCormack seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

- Chili Mango Lime, 336 Washington Street – Closure

Mr. Richards stated Chili Mango Lime has closed per an e-mail received. He stated the Common Victualler license should be surrendered.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Richards made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 PM. Chief Stark seconded the motion and it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa VanWinkle
Recording Secretary

Approved:

Date:

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