

Minutes of the Licensing Board Meeting Held Thursday, November 18, 2021

Attending: Greg Mitrakas, Chairman, David Bouvier, Member; Mary Jo Nawrocki, Member;
Tina Nolin, Clerk

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mitrakas at 7:30 pm

New Business

1. One Day Applications

Kith & Kin, 38-40 Washington St, Hudson, MA Event. 19 Weed Street

Member Bouvier motioned to approve the application; Member Nawrocki seconded the motion. The Board vote was 3-0 to approve the application.

City of Marlborough, Christmas Party – Lost Shoe, 19 Weed Street

Member Bouvier motioned to approve the application; Member Nawrocki seconded the motion. The Board vote was 3-0 to approve the application.

2. Pruller Restaurant, 514 Lincoln Street, Erich Pruller, Owner Change of Corporate Structure (Sole Proprietor to Corporation)

Member Bouvier motioned to approve the application; Member Nawrocki seconded the motion. The Board vote was 3-0 to approve the application.

Change of Category Application – Wine & Malt License to All Alcohol

Public meeting started at 7:40 pm

The owner, Erich, said they desired the change to the license because patrons have been asking for mixed drinks, which would be a way to grow their business. Things will still be set up as they are now in the back room and no bar. Carmen Puller also spoke on behalf of the restaurant and their need for an All Alcohol license

There was no opposition to the license.

The public meeting closed at 7:52 pm

Chairman Mitrakas asked the Board what criteria they should look for when establishments come in to change their licenses from Wine & Beer to All alcohol. Several suggestions the Chair made were based on expectations of clientele and menu. Member Bouvier said they should also look at what percentage of the business is takeout and how much is eat-in sit-down dining. Member Nawrocki agreed and felt they should be looked at a case-by-case basis.

Member Bouvier motioned to approve the application; Member Nawrocki seconded the motion. The Board vote was 3-0 to approve the application.

3. Crazy Stone Restaurant, 1009 Boston Post Rd E., Zhaoquan Jiang, Owner

Change of Manager Application – Proposed Manager, Zhaoquan Jiang

Xiaowen Jiang was present on behalf of **Zhaoquan Jiang**

Member Nawrocki motioned to approve the application; Member Bouvier seconded the motion. The Board vote was 3-0 to approve the application

Change of Category Application - Wine & Malt License to All Alcohol

Xiaowen Jiang presented the application

Public meeting started at 8:05 pm

Ms. Jiang stated that they had lost a lot of business due to the lack of having cocktail offerings – people come and leave when they find out they do not have the beverages they want.

There was no opposition to the license.

Public meeting closed 8:16 pm

Chairman Bouvier asked how much of the business is dine-in versus takeout. Currently, the percentage is about 40% Dine-in and 60% takeout, but with the all alcohol license, it will probably be more like 50%-50%. This is especially true due to COVID. There is currently no bar in the restaurant, but if we get the all alcohol license, we plan to do so in the future.

Chairman Mitrakas said he was familiar with the restaurant and the menu and felt it would benefit the patrons and public to have an all alcohol license.

Member Bouvier motioned to approve the application; Member Nawrocki seconded the motion. The Board vote was 3-0 to approve the application.

4. USA Motorsport, 433 Maple Street, A. Cuellar, owner – Update regarding number and condition of cars on the lot and application to change the license

Mr. Cuellar and his office manager Gloria Thillet attended the meeting and discussed how things had progressed since the last time he was in to speak to the Board. At that time, he was in violation of his license due to the number of vehicles on the property, and he was going to talk to the landlord about enlarging his lot. He has since met with Pam, and he has been working at getting the older cars off the lot.

Mr. Cuellar also met with the landlord, who may be selling the property to Auto Max – a competitor. Mr. Cuellar should have an answer to this in a week or two. In addition, the city Building Commissioner, Tin Htway, has said he will not review both (Auto Max and USA MotorSport) site plans. The landlord must decide who will be on the property before looking at any plans. So, Mr. Cuellar is still not sure he will remain on the site. He does not want to be on the site with Auto Max as the new owner.

Regarding the number of cars on the lot, Mr. Cuellar has been making progress on getting rid of autos but still has a way to go. If they are not his cars for sale, but another business' then Mr. Cuellar needs to have them remove those cars. He cannot have more than 50 cars for sale on the lot. He was told that the Board needs him to comply with the 50 cars for sale and the city needs to be satisfied with the safety of the layout where emergency vehicles can get by.

The Board told Mr. Cuellar to come back next month with an update and how getting in compliance is going and where the ownership issue is. Mr. Cuellar agreed.

Chairman's Reports – there were no reports

5. Misc. Correspondence and Open Issues

Outside Dining – Meredith Harris had spoken to Greg regarding continued outside dining in the spring. Would restaurants be able to do what they have been doing the past two years, or will they need to apply to the ABCC for a change of premises? These are just some things the Board should be thinking about, and as a board, they want to support the outside seating.

The clerk mentioned that she remembered seeing communication from the ABCC regarding this question and would look for the communication and resend it to the Board.

Based on the new census, the city has been awarded one more All Alcohol and one more Wine & Malt off-premises license. These new licenses bring the total available off-premises licenses to three, one All Alcohol and two Wine & Malt licenses.

The Board is not currently looking to place any of the new licenses. Still, an applicant may apply for any license at any time, and the Board will look at them closely as to where they go and how they best benefit the city.

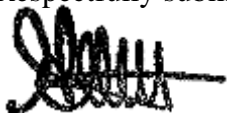
6. Review of Minutes from the October 27th Meeting

Member Nawrocki motioned to approve minutes of the meetings and place them on file; Member Bouvier seconded the motion. The Board vote was 3-0 in favor of accepting the minutes and placing them on file.

The next regular meeting of the Licensing Board will be on Wednesday, December 22nd. The meeting will be in-person at City Hall, 140 Main Street, in the Council Committee Room.

Member Bouvier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm; Member Nawrocki seconded the motion; the Board roll call vote was 3-0 in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Mitrakas, Chairman

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