

**Minutes of the Licensing Board Meeting Held Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

Attending: Greg Mitrakas, Chairman; David Bouvier, Member; Mary Jo Nawrocki, Member (via Teams meeting), Tina Nolin, Clerk

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mitrakas at 7:00 pm.

**New Business**

- 1. Application for One-day Liquor Licenses Jacobs Hall, Masonic Hall – 8 Newton Street – Stevie Dumbro (2 applications)**

Member Bouvier motioned to approve both applications; Member Nawrocki seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

- 2.-3. Application for Change of Category of an Off-Premises License from Wine and Malts to All Alcohol, Krish and Ishani Corporation, d/b/a Marlboro Country Convenience Store, 256 West Main Street, Linesh Patel, Manager and Application for a New All Alcohol Off-Premises License, Denny's Liquors, proposed location RK Plaza at 193 Boston Post Road W, Samir Patel, proposed manager**

The public hearings for both applications, applying for the one available all alcohol off-premises license, were closed at the January 2022 meeting. At that time, Chairman Mitrakas motioned to close the public meeting for both applications and noted that the Board would examine possible license restrictions that may be available. Member Bouvier seconded the motion, and it passed with a 3-0 vote.

Chairman Mitrakas thanked Rep. Danielle Gregoire and Jason Grossfield, the city solicitor, for their help in research and assistance in understanding what the Board can and cannot do regarding the transferring of licenses.

After the January meeting, the Board was advised no license transfer restrictions were permitted.

At tonight's meeting, the Board informed the applicants that no restrictions would be permissible and then discussed the pros and cons of each application allowing each applicant to speak as well. Thereafter, Member Bouvier motioned to approve Denny's Liquors' application for the All-Alcohol Off-Premises License, Member Nawrocki seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote to approve Denny's Liquors' application.

- 4. Application for Change of Manager, AMVETS POST 1980, Kenneth Urato, Jr, proposed manager**

Member Mitrakas noted that the only item needed to complete the application was the signature of the Club's clerk on the entity vote.

Member Nawrocki motioned to approve the change of manager application for the AMVETS post with Kenneth Urato, Jr being the new manager and to send it to the

ABCC after the Corporation's Clerk signed the entity vote; Member Bouvier seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote of the Board.

**5. Application for Change of Officers relative to all Massachusetts locations of GMRI, Inc., d/b/a The Olive Garden (locally: 191 Donald Lynch Blvd)**

Member Bouvier motioned to approve the Change of Officers applications; Member Nawrocki seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

**6. Misc. correspondence and open issues**

- Communications regarding restricting the transfer of licenses.

Member Mitrakas explained that the city solicitor noted that when the board's quorum on an email stream, it becomes part of the public record. While any number of facts can be presented there, it becomes problematic once an opinion is put forth and must be placed on the record.

Member Bouvier motioned to accept and place on file the emails regarding restricting the transfer of licenses; Member Nawrocki seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

- **OUI list from Assistant Attorney General's Office.**

Board requested the clerk to get the Board on the distribution list And to send a letter to all licenses about the report and that the Board will be calling people to appear at a meeting if they are mentioned on the list to discuss the establishment's protocols for last serves and how they may improve if required.

The Board briefly discussed whether to have a protocol for the last hour of service, and it was decided, at least for now, to wait. So far, OUI issues are not a problem in the city, but now that there is a better means of keeping watch on things, if it does become prevalent, they should consider such a protocol.

- Board requested the clerk contact John Grasso, Halfway Café owner, to get an update on the sale and transfer of permits.
- The Board was alerted about another Class II dealership with too many cars on their lot and parking occurring off their lot. The Board has become alarmed and concerned with the number of such occurrences among dealerships. It was decided that the chair would speak with Jason Grossfield, the city solicitor, to determine the enforcement vehicles available to the board, after which the Board will send a general communication to all class II licensees regarding the issue. Additionally, the Board requested that the clerk notify the current dealership in violation and request that the owner comes to next month's meeting.

**7. Review minutes from January 26, 2022, meeting**

Member Bouvier motioned to approve January 26, 2022, meeting minutes. Member Nawrocki seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote to approve and place the minutes from the January 26<sup>th</sup> meeting on file.

The next meeting of the Licensing Board will be Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

Member Bouvier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm; Member Nawrocki seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Mitrakas', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Greg Mitrakas, Chairman