

Minutes of the Licensing Board Meeting Held Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Per the March 12, 2020, Executive Order issued by Governor Baker modifying specific requirements of the Open Meeting Law, the City of Marlborough Licensing Board was held remotely. Access to the meeting was through Microsoft Teams Meeting via a link on the Board's web page or by dialing in (1-617-433-9462 / Conference ID: 451 812 560#)

Attending: Walter Bonin, Chairman; David Bouvier, Member; Tina Nolin, Clerk

Meeting called to order by Walter Bonin, Chairman, at 7:30 PM

New Business

- 1. Application for Change of License Category from Wine & Malts License to All Alcohol, Lalo's Mexican Restaurant, Geraldo I.T. Guzman-Ortega, Manager**
John Del Prete, Atty and Geraldo I.T. Guzman-Ortega, Manager, present

Attorney Del Prete introduced the application explaining that the establishment had opened last year with a wine and malts license, and their clientele have increasingly been asking for margaritas and other beverages and to serve their patrons better and enhance their profitability, they were now seeking to upgrade their license to an all alcohol license. There would be no changes to seating, storage, operations.

The public hearing opened at 7:33 PM

Blanca Silva, the property owner, and Mariona Lopez, the property manager, spoke in support of the application citing the restaurant owners as responsible and competent business clients. There were no public responses against the license application.

The public hearing closed at 7:36 PM.

Member Mitrakas motioned to approve the application; Member Bouvier seconded the motion; Board roll call vote was: 3-0 to approve the change in the category of license application.

- 2. Application for new Wine & Malt License – Pizzarella Inc. 205 E. Main St., Ricardo Ferraz, Manager owner**
Ricardo Ferraz, present

Mr. Ferraz went over the layout of the premises saying there would be little change from when it was the Papa Ginos. Drinks would be delivered to the table by waitstaff, and he would be offering both bottles and draft on the beers. He is looking to open in Mid November.

The public hearing opened at 7:38 PM

Harold Dunn, 41 Clinton Street, a Marlborough resident, spoke up in favor of the establishment.

The public hearing closed at 7:43 PM

Member Mitrakas reminded him to have everyone involved with the alcohol take TIPS training; Mr. Ferraz said he would and was aware of the training and certification.

Member Bouvier motioned to approve the application; Member Mitrakas seconded the motion; the Board roll call vote was: 3-0 to approve the change in the category of license application.

3. Reports from the Chairman - Wildwood Steakhouse

Chairman Bonin reported on the Wildwood Steakhouse looking to put in outdoor entertainment that would show “Drive-In” movies and provide dinner. The establishment has no formal plan at this time but wanted to introduce it to the Board. The Mayor will be looking into the zoning issues and how the project could move forward. It currently is not allowed from a zoning standpoint, but given the circumstances of today related to COVID-19, he is looking into a means to waive the zoning temporarily.

4. Misc. Correspondence and Open Issues

- There were no correspondence or open issues.

5. Review minutes for the following meeting date–June 17, 2020, June 24, 2020, July 8, 2020, July 15, 2020, and July 29, 2020 meeting

Member Mitrakas motioned to approve the meeting minutes, with the caveat that the roll call count is corrected on the June 17, 2020, minutes. Member Bouvier seconded the motion; the roll call vote was 3-0 in favor of the motion.

The next meeting of the Licensing Board will be Wednesday, September 30.

Member Bouvier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM, Member Mitrakas seconded the motion, Board vote was 3-0 in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walter Bonin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Walter Bonin, Chairman