

Minutes of the Licensing Board Meeting Held Wednesday, October 21, 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:: 690 933 588#)

Attending: Walter Bonin, Chairman; Greg Mitrakas, Member, 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 Premise, Kennedy's Irish Pub 247A Maple Street, Michael Kennedy, Director; Caroline Kennedy, Manager

The public hearing opened at 7:34 pm – Michael Kennedy presented the application.
There were no public comments/questions
The public hearing closed at 7:36 pm

Member Bouvier motioned to approve the application, Member Mitrakas seconded, Roll call vote was 3 – 0 in favor of the motion to approve.

2. Application for Change of Hours – Evviva Cucina, 142 Apex Drive, Thomas Crowshaw, Manager

Marcie Day, COO for Evviva, was present

Member Mitrakas motioned to approve the application, Member Bouvier seconded, Roll call vote was 3 – 0 in favor of the motion to approve.

3. Application for Change of Manager – Bertucci's, 580 Donald Lynch Blvd., Brian Libby, Manager

Brian Libby of Berticui's was present

Member Bouvier motioned to approve the application, Member Mitrakas seconded, Roll call vote was 3 – 0 in favor of the motion to approve.

4. Application for Change of Manager – New England Sports Center, 121 Donald Lynch Blvd., James O'Leary, Manager

James O'Leary of NESC was present

Member Bouvier motioned to approve the application, Member Mitrakas seconded, Roll call vote was 3 – 0 in favor of the motion to approve.

5. Reports from the Chairman

- **2021 Licensing Fees**

Chairman Bonin reported how some other cities and towns in the Commonwealth had reduced or waived pouring licensing fees for 2021 due to the ongoing pandemic. He had spoken to City Council President Mike Ossing to ensure it is the Board's province to decide. The Chairman said he was for suspending the fees due to the challenges they have faced. It is a gesture that we want to help them remain successful and have the city government's support. Loss of revenue for the town appears to be about \$42,000.

The Mayor had indicated to the Board that City Councilors have some questions and asked if the Board could table any discussion and vote until the next meeting, which the Board agreed to do.

Chairman Bonin turned in to the clerk to be accepted and filed a communication from Robert Kays, owner, Prospector East Saloon, requesting the Licensing Board waive the 2021 pouring license renewal fees.

Also, Chairman Bonin said that the Mayor also indicated he was open to other ideas and proposals that the city could offer to assist food establishments. So if there are any ideas, we should discuss pursuing them, for instance, around 1-day licensing.

Member Mitrakas agreed that this would be a gesture that says we are all in this together and will make it through together,

- **Package Store License Update**

The Chairman updated the Board regarding Kennedy's package store license and the concern that with managing the business during this pandemic, there would not be sufficient time to put forth the best plan for the establishment and license. Therefore there has been a formal request made to the legislature, and our local reps are working hard to get an extension on the filing date. The other Board members agreed that this seemed like the best course of action for Kennedy's and the City.

6. Misc. correspondence and open issues

- ABCC Advisory Regarding Indoor Events Held by Hotels and Other On-Premises Licensees
- ABCC Advisory_Indoor Table and Bar

Member Bouvier motioned to accept and place both communications on file, Member Mitrakas seconded, Roll call vote was 3 – 0 in favor of the motion.

7. Review minutes from the September 30, 2020 meeting

Member Mitrakas motioned to approve the September 30, 2020, meeting minutes.

Member Bouvier seconded the motion; the roll call vote was 3-0 in favor of the motion to approve the meeting minutes.

The next meeting of the Licensing Board will be Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

Member Mitrakas motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm; Member Bouvier seconded the motion; the Board roll call 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 slanted style.

Walter Bonin, Chairman