

City of Marlborough License Board

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Minutes of the License Board Regular Meeting Held Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 7:30 pm, City Hall, 1st floor, Council Committee Room.

Attending: Walter Bonin (WB), Chairman; Gregory Mitrakas (GM); David Bouvier (DB)
Member; Tina Nolin, Clerk

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

New Business

1. ONE DAY PERMITS

- **Best Western (1 Permits)** Member Mitrakas motioned for approval, Member Bouvier seconded; Board vote: 3-0 approved
- **Masonic Hall / Stevie's Eatery (4 permits)** Member Mitrakas motioned for approval, Member Bouvier seconded; Board vote: 3-0 approved
- **Moose (4 Permits)** Member Mitrakas motioned for approval, Member Bouvier seconded; Board vote: 3-0 approved

2. Marlborough Country Club – Change of Manager Application – 200 Concord Rd.

Benjamin Wachter present and is the manager applicant

Member Mitrakas motioned for approval, Member Bouvier seconded; Board vote: 3-0 approved

3. Application for All Alcohol License - Qdoba Marlborough (180 Boston Post Rd W)

Elizabeth Amaral presented – she is the manager at the location.

Qdoba, a fast-casual restaurant opening at the Apex Center, is looking for an All Alcoholic Beverage license.

Open meeting opened at 7:34. No support or opposition/concerns were voiced from the floor – public hearing closed at 7:41

Member Mitrakas expressed concern with placing liquor licenses in fast-casual style restaurants. It is not the type of establishment families and couples look to spend an evening and linger over a meal – it's a slippery slope and not the traditional licensed restaurant. Ms. Amal explained the establishment, while not looking to change its fast-casual service of the restaurant is looking to set themselves apart from other similar restaurants (Chipotle and Moe's) by providing these drink offerings and thus inviting people to linger. She also mentioned that Millbury and Hudson have the liquor licenses.

Bouvier motioned for a continuation of this request until next month when Ms. Amaral could bring in a larger floor plan so that they could see the layout and service areas, copy of the menu and they could go to a location and see how the service area was laid out etc. Members Mitrakas seconded the motion, Board vote: 3-0 to continue meeting in October.

4. **Application for upgrade to All Alcoholic Beverage License – Welly’s Restaurant (153 Main St)** Wemerson Vieira presented

Public meeting opened at 7:46 PM

No support or opposition/concerns were voiced from the floor – public hearing closed at 7:50 PM

Member Mitrakas motioned for approval, Member Bouvier seconded; Board vote: 3-0 approved

5. **Application for License – O’Hearn’s Tavern (11 Florence Street) Tiffany and Tracy O’Hearn**

Tracy O’Hearn presented – O’Hearn’s Tavern is a new establishment going into 11 Florence Street location. It is a sit-down family restaurant and is looking for an All Alcoholic Beverages License.

Public meeting opened at: 7:48

Tatiana Patel who lives across from the establishment on Granger Blvd voiced concern about a license at the location due to noise and problems associated with the location in the past. Ms. O’Hearn said that during the week the establishment would close at 10:00 PM, 8:00 pm on Sundays and Friday and Saturday would stay open until 1:00. The restaurant is setting itself up as a family restaurant with food served until closing rather than as a neighborhood bar.

No further concerns or support voiced from the floor. Public meeting closed at 4:56

Member Bouvier motioned to table the meeting until they had a signed copy of the lease in the application, as well as the approval letters regarding the financing and a copy of the menu. Member Mitrakas seconded the motion, Board vote: 3-0 to table meeting until the items mentioned above were complete.

6. **Informational Meeting regarding Beer & Wine License – Kennedy’s Market (247 Maple St)** Michael Kennedy present and expressed interest in the previously held back license – he did not yet have a formal proposal but felt his section of town could use some help and that they have been losing clientele to Southborough Market who now had a beer and wine license. And asked the Board to consider them for the license.

Chairman Bonin suggested if he’s interest to let the Board know and come to the October meeting with a formal presentation.

7. **Reports from the Chairman**

Discussion of licenses with pledges and what they mean to an establishment and do they have value on their own without the location, or is the license an integral part of the establishment location.

8. Review minutes –

- August 30, 2017 Meeting – Member Mitrakas motioned to accept minutes and place on file with the revision to point #9, Member Bouvier seconded, Vote: 3 – 0 to accept minutes and place on file with revision to #9.

Member Bouvier motioned to adjourn 9:01 PM, seconded by Member Mitrakas, Board vote: 3-0 to adjourn.

The next meeting of the License Board is Wednesday, October 25, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Bonin, Chairman