

Minutes of the Special Licensing Board Meeting Held Tuesday, July 8, 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: 698 808 250 #)

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

Meeting called to order by Walter Bonin, Chairman at 12:00 pm

New Business

1. One-day Liquor License for Shake Rattle and Roll Event – Apex Center

George Aronstein, Director of Food & Beverage, present

Apex Entertainment presented an application for a drive-in entertainment event on July 15, 2020, with a July 29, 2020, rain date. As with their previous drive-in event, a private security company will be keeping crowd size to allowable level (126 spots), checking IDs for ages – over 21 will receive an orange bracelet. No car, no service. The event is to open at 6:00 pm; the show starts at 8:00 pm over at 9:30 pm, liquor service will be from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. People will not be able to order more than two drinks at once. There will be no car service for food or liquor service in keeping with State Drive-In guidelines.

Member Mitrakas motioned to approve the application with the same conditions as outlined above. In addition, Apex should get in touch with the Board if a rain date is needed; Member Bouvier seconded the motion; the Board roll call vote was 3-0 to approve the one-day liquor license.

2. Application for outside seating license to serve alcohol, La Tapatia Taqueria, 388 Boston Post Rd E

Member Mitrakas abstained from the discussion and vote due to a conflict of interest.

Member Bouvier motioned to approve 20 seats (5 4-top tables) for outside dining per the site plan submitted for the June 8, 2020, Licensing Board meeting. And that the plan meets all safety requirements and approval of the Building and Fire Department and is subject to and must comply with all ongoing and periodic on-site inspections to ensure continued compliance. Chairman Bonin seconded the motion; the Board roll call vote was unanimous at 2-0 in favor of the motion.

3. Chairman's Reports Licensing Fees

The interim City Comptroller had asked for a list of current fees, when they were adopted, previous fees, and who sets each one. I have drawn up the document and turned it over to the clerk, who will send it to the interim comptroller. The last survey we did was in 2006.

After some discussion, the Board determined they are not against looking at the fees in the future, maybe determining a tier among liquor licenses that reflect revenue, establishment size, or something else. However, all agreed this was not the time during the pandemic and would not send the proper signal to establishments who are struggling merely to stay open.

Member Mitrakas motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 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