

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Chair, Kathleen M. McCarthy, Dina E. Conlin & Anil Adyanthaya

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Minutes

DATE: December 17, 2019

PRESENT: Commissioners Kathleen McCarthy, Dina Conlin and Anil Adyanthaya

STAFF: Sgt. Kevin Rudd and Manuela Familia

TIME: 7:30PM – Regular meeting of the Board

The November 19, 2019 Minutes were **approved 2-0.**

Discussion of 2020 Schedule of Public Hearings. The Commissioners found a conflict with the March date. Another date will be discussed in future hearing.

The **2020 Annual Renewals (see attached Schedule A)** were **approved 3-0.**

ONE DAY TEMPORARY WINE AND MALT LICENSE

Application filed by Tracy Stouck, Walker Center for Ecumenical Exchange, Inc, 144 Hancock Street, Auburndale, MA 02466. **For a one-day temporary wine and malt license for a welcoming reception for an academic conference on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 from 6:00PM – 10:00PM to be held at Walker Center for Ecumenical Exchange, Inc, 144 Hancock Street, Auburndale, MA 02466. Estimated Attendance: 35-40, Ages: 30-45. Approved 3-0; contingent upon receiving insurance covering the event.**

Application filed by Suzanne Westcott, Church of the Redeemer, 21 Essex Road, Newton, MA 02467. **For three (3) one-day temporary wine and malt licenses to be held at the Church of the Redeemer, 379 Hammond Street, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.**

Reception after Classical Concert

Friday, April 17, 2020 from 7:00PM – 11:00PM

Estimated Attendance: 100, Ages: 21+. Approved 3-0; contingent upon receiving insurance covering the event.

Reception after Classical Concert

Sunday, April 26, 2020 from 7:30PM – 11:00PM

Estimated Attendance: 100, Ages: 21+. Approved 3-0; contingent upon receiving insurance covering the event.

Reception after Classical Concert

Sunday, May 3, 2020 from 7:30PM – 11:00PM

Estimated Attendance: 100, Ages: 21+. Approved 3-0; contingent upon receiving insurance covering the event.

CHANGE OF HOURS

Application filed by Mark Stetson, Salkatay, LLC, 14 Austin Street, Newton, MA 02460. **For a change of hours from Sunday through Saturday 11:00AM – 9:00PM to Sunday 12:00PM – 6:00PM and Monday through Saturday 10:00AM – 9:00PM to be exercised at Salkatay, LLC d/b/a Craft Beer Cellar, 14 Austin Street, Newton, MA 02460. Approved 3-0**

CHANGE OF MANAGER

Application filed by Scott Lopes, 1649 Beacon Street, Newton, MA 02468. **For a change of manager from Aleks Gionai to Ermiral Kola to be exercised at Stone L'Oven Waban, Inc. d/b/a Stone L'oven Pizza Co., 1649 Beacon Street, Newton, MA 02468. Approved 3-0**

Application filed by Walter E. Devine, II, 289 Cherry Street, Newton, MA 02465. **For a change of manager from David Anthony Casey to Walter E. Devine, II to be exercised at Ward 4, LLC d/b/a Ward 4, 277 Auburn Street, Newton, MA 02465. Approved 3-0; contingent upon receiving Tips certification for proposed manager.**

TRANSFER OF ALL ALCOHOL LICENSE, NEW COMMON VICTUALLER AND ENTERTAINMENT

Application filed by attorney Matthew S. Porter, 480 Turnpike Street, Easton, MA 02375. **For a transfer of an all alcohol restaurant license from B&B Culinary Concepts, LLC d/b/a Lumiere to New Towne Hospitality, LLC d/b/a The Bluebird Bar & Grill, 1293 Washington Street, Newton, MA 02465. The manager will be David Sardella. There will be 88 seats. The hours of operation will be Monday through Saturday from 8:00AM – 12:00AM and Sunday from 11:00AM – 12:00AM. Entertainment will consist of two televisions and pumped in music via turntable. Continuance to January 21, 2020 hearing.**

VIOLATIONS

Notice of Hearing on alleged violations of M.G.L. Chapter 138 and the City of Newton Board of License Commissioners Regulations:

1. PDJ VENTURE, LLC D/B/A NEWTON WAREHOUSE WINE & SPIRITS: 241 NEEDHAM STREET (YERVAND GHAZARYAN)

The owner and manager of Newton Warehouse Wine and Spirits, Yervand Ghazaryan, was requested to appear because of a notice of violation received from the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission that an alleged violation of the license to serve alcohol under M.G.L. c. 138 § 15 occurred on May 16, 2019 and on May 18, 2019. On those dates, it is alleged that the business sold alcoholic beverages to a minor (4 counts) in violation of M.G.L. c. 138 § 34 and Regulations 13 and 14. Commission Chair Kathleen McCarthy reminded the licensee the initial concerns about the license being granted: underage sales and “extra oversight” to prevent that from happening. Yervand Ghazaryan explained the licenses taken on those days were scanned for validity. The Identification scanning devices used showed the Identifications to be legitimate. Yervand expressed he is paranoid and not selling to people who have out of state identifications and look under the age of thirty (30). Commissioner McCarthy reminded Yervand of the acceptable forms of identification listed in the City of Newton Licensing Board regulations. **The commission voted to require the licensee to post the City of Newton Licensing Commission regulation’s list of acceptable forms of identification. This motion was approved 3-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:19PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Manuela Familia

Administrative Clerk