

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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

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Minutes

DATE: May 19, 2020 **This meeting was conducted via conference call 617-454-5555 access code 1420**

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 April 21, 2020 Minutes were **approved 3-0**.

CHANGE OF STOCK INTEREST

Application filed by Joseph H. Devlin, Devlin Law Offices, PLLC, 171 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950. **For a change of stock interest to be exercised at Wegmans Massachusetts, Inc. d/b/a Wegmans, 200 Boylston Street, Chestnut Hill Square, MA 02467. PRESENT ON THE CALL: Joseph H. Devlin, Esq. Approved 3-0.**

Discussion on next steps for application for change of ownership interest, stock interest and change of manager, filed by Roche, Inc. d/b/a d/b/a Olivia's Bistro, 136 Adams Street, Newton, MA 02458. **No action to be made by the Board, have applicant submit correct documentation and forward to the ABCC. Approved 3-0.**

Discussion about issues related to COVID-19. **PRESENT ON THE CALL: Maura O'Keefe, Assistant City Solicitor. Attorney O'Keefe and the Commissioners discussed the current and possible procedures for licensees in the current Covid-19 health crisis. They discussed the possible challenges and the Board's role. Attorney O'Keefe talked about how the Board should be ready with independent enforcement authority to support and assist the health department and the Police Department as we enter the next Covid-19 reopening phases. Attorney O'Keefe explained how the enforcement of the new orders are complaint driven and how guidance for the restaurants reopening phases from the State do not exist yet. The Board requested that they are kept aware of the licensee's non-compliance complaints in a timely manner. Commission Chair Kathleen McCarthy asked if the process for alteration of premises process had changed but Attorney O'Keefe informed the Commission that no changes were made to the process but that the application decision would be expedited by the ABCC.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Manuela Familia

Administrative Clerk