

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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

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Minutes

DATE: January 18, 2022 **This meeting was accessible via Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 860 8650 5372 Passcode: 575489**

PRESENT: Commissioners Kathleen McCarthy, Dina Conlin and Anil Adyanthaya

STAFF: Sergeant Kevin Rudd and Manuela Familia

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

The December 21, 2021 meeting minutes were approved 3-0.

ONE DAY TEMPORARY WINE AND MALT LICENSE

Application filed by Madeleine Delpha, 61 Washington Park, Newton, MA 02460. **For a one-day temporary wine and malt license for a paint & sip with Yooveline Joseph on Friday, February 11, 2022, from 7:00PM – 9:00PM to be held at the New Art Center, 61 Washington Park, Newton, MA 02460. Estimated Attendance: 8-15, Ages: 21+. PRESENT ON ZOOM: Emily O’Neil. Approved 3-0.**

NEW COMMON VICTUALLER AND ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES

Application filed by Koko Topajian, 28 Harbor View Street, Dorchester, MA 02125. **For a new common victualler and annual entertainment licenses to be exercised at Boston Shawarma House Of Kabab Inc d/b/a Boston Shawarma House Of Kabab, 870-880 Walnut Street, Newton, MA 02459. The hours of operation will be Monday through Sunday from 11:00AM – 11:00PM. The entertainment will consist of televisions. There will be 12 seats. PRESENT ON ZOOM: Koko Topajian. Approved 3-0; contingent upon receipt of corporate vote, signed floor plan, and proof of insurance.**

CHANGE OF MANAGER

Application filed by Sarah Stoeger, 2902 Corporate Place, Chanhassen, MN 55317. **For a change of manager from Ashley Woolf to Richard LaFazia to be exercised at LTF Club Operations Company, Inc. d/b/a Life Time Fitness, 300 Boylston Street, Newton, MA 02467. PRESENT ON ZOOM: Richard Lafazia. Approved 3-0.**

REQUEST TO APPEAR FOR NONRENEWAL OF THE LICENSE

Failure to submit the renewal for Board of License issued licenses:

- 1. ERIK'S PIZZA AND WINGS D/B/A MEDITERRANEAN GRILL-549 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE- No show**
- 2. JOYOUS SCOOPS INC D/B/A WALLY'S ICE CREAM & SWEETS-419 LEXINGTON STREET- No show**

Commission Chair requested that administrative staff consults with the law department regarding next steps.

REQUEST FOR 50% REDUCTION OF RESTAURANT ALCOHOL FEES

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller is requesting the Board of License Commissioners to reduce restaurant alcohol fees by 50% for 2022 to assist the industry in recovering from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Anil Adyanthaya ask if there was need to discuss the request further, Commissioner Dina Conlin answered that she did not see the need to discuss this much since it is a similar position when this request was brought up to the Commission back in 2020. Commissioner Conlin asked administrative staff Manuela Familia if half of the 2022 have been paid already. Manuela stated that the licensees paid full prices for the 2022 license renewals and that if the Commission

was to approve the 50% reduction refunds will have to be issued. Commissioner Conlin stated that despite of that fact she would be in favor of reducing the fees by a 50%. Commissioner Adyanthaya agreed and expressed how the restaurant industry is still being affected by covid19. Commission Chair McCarthy also agreed.

Commissioner Dina Conlin made a motion to vote to reduce the alcohol license fees by 50% for the calendar year 2022 for restaurant on-premises licenses and clubs. Commission Chair Kathleen McCarthy second the motion. Licensing Commission **approved 3-0**.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Manuela Familia
Administrative Clerk