

**CITY OF NEWTON**

**BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**

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

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Minutes

DATE: February 15, 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: Lieutenant Kevin Rudd and Manuela Familia

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

The approval of the February 15, 2022 meeting minutes was posted in the agenda as an error.

**REQUEST FOR REFUND ONE-DAY LICENSES**

Maria Granik- cancellation of event due to COVID19. Refund **approved 3-0.**

Rose Perriello, Art Center- event adjusted due to COVID19. Refund as a credit **approved 3-0.**

Commission stated to decide on COVID19 related refunds as a case by case.

**ONE DAY TEMPORARY WINE AND MALT LICENSE**

Application filed by Jo-Ann Stevens, 275 Grove Street, Auburndale, MA 02466. **For a one-day temporary wine and malt license for a retirement party on Thursday, March 3, 2022, from 5:00PM – 8:00PM to be held at the Riverside Office Park-Cafeteria 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 275 Grove Street, Newton, MA 02466. Estimated Attendance: 130, Ages: 40+. PRESENT ON ZOOM: Jo-Ann Stevens. Approved 3-0.**

**ONE DAY TEMPORARY WINE AND MALT LICENSE**

Application filed by Brandon Lewis, 61 Washington Park, Newton, MA 02460. **For a one-day temporary wine and malt license for an evening of wine and art on Thursday, March 10, 2022, from 7:00PM – 10:00PM to be held at the New Art Center, 61 Washington Park, Newton, MA 02460. Estimated Attendance: 50, Ages: 21+. PRESENT ON ZOOM: Brandon Lewis. Approved 3-0.**

**ONE DAY TEMPORARY WINE AND MALT LICENSE**

Application filed by Rose Perriello, 61 Washington Park, Newton, MA 02460. **For a one-day temporary wine and malt license for an exhibition closing reception on Tuesday March 8, 2022, from 6:00PM – 8:00PM to be held at the Trio Newton, 245 Walnut Street, Newton, MA 02460. Estimated Attendance: 50, Ages: All. PRESENT ON ZOOM: Brandon Lewis. Approved 3-0.**

**NEW COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE**

Application filed by Binka Shishmanova, 69 Washington Street, Medford, MA 02155. **For a new common victualler license to be exercised at Family Wellness Inc d/b/a 11:11 Health Bar, 87 Union Street, Newton Center, MA 02459. The hours of operation will be Monday through Sunday from 7:00AM – 7:00PM. There will be 8 seats inside and 8 seats in the sidewalk. PRESENT ON ZOOM: Binka Shishmanova. Approved 3-0; contingent upon receipt of food permit, and signed and dated floor plan.**

**NEW WINE AND MALT PACKAGE STORE LICENSE**

Application filed by Ryan M. Gott, 6 Fales Road, Sharon, MA 02067. **For a new wine and malt package store license to be exercised at The Cork and Board, Inc, 1207 Centre Street, Newton, MA 02459. The manager will be Ryan M. Gott. The hours for alcohol sale will be Sunday 12:00PM – 6:00PM, Tuesday through Thursday 10:00AM – 8:00PM, and Friday through Saturday 10:00AM – 9:00PM. PRESENT ON ZOOM: Ryan M. Gott. Approved 3-0; contingent upon receipt of receipt of signed lease, signed and dated floor plan and certificate of occupancy.**

**ALTERATION OF PREMISES**

Application filed by Andrew Li, 1284 Washington Street, Newton, MA 02465. **For an alteration of premises to be exercised at Flora’s Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Flora’s 1284 Washington Street, Newton, MA 02465. Requesting 8 seating in the sidewalk. PRESENT ON ZOOM: Andrew Li. Approved 3-0.**

**ALTERATION OF PREMISES**

Application filed by Kevin Masterson, 30 Langley Road, Newton, MA 02459. **For an alteration of premises to be exercised at JL Newton, LLC d/b/a Johnny’s Luncheonette, 30 Langley Road, Newton, MA 02459. Requesting up to 28 seats in the sidewalk and parking space area. PRESENT ON ZOOM: Kevin Masterson.**

Seana, owner of Dunn-Gaherins expressed support regarding this request. **Approved 3-0; contingent upon receipt of certificate of liability, any additional certified mail return receipts, and fully executed parklet license.**

**ALTERATION OF PREMISES**

Application filed by Dao Thach, 81M Union Street, Newton, MA 02459. **For an alteration of premises to be exercised at Raviopi Corporation d/b/a House of Tandoor, 81M Union Street, Newton, MA 02459. Requesting up to 20 seats in city owned parking spaces. PRESENT ON ZOOM: Dao Thach. Approved 3-0; contingent upon receipt of fully executed parklet license and any necessary regulatory or statutory approvals.**

**NEW LICENSING SYSTEM TRAINING FOR THE LICENSING COMMISSION**

Discussion of the training schedule for the Licensing Commission.

Administrative staff Manuela Familia talked to the commission regarding the new licensing system. It was informed to the Board of License Commissioners that all the licensing applications are in the new system and that one-on-one training will be scheduled to help navigate the new system.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING PROTATING LICENSE FEES**

Continued discussion to consider a regulation change to prorate license fees.

Commissioner Anil Adyanthaya asked how this came about if someone had requested this. Administrative staff Manuela Familia responded during the 2022 renewals some new licensees asked if the license fees for the renewal could be waived since they had just been approved and paid the license fees. Commissioner Adyanthaya asked a follow up question for clarification, Manuela Familia responded that if a license gets approved in November, they must pay the license fee, but also must renew their license for the next year. The licensee will have to pay two license fees.

Commission Chair Kathleen McCarthy asked how many licenses are issued in the last 6 month of the year and Manuela Familia responded about 5-6 licenses. Commissioner McCarthy stated that the Mayor’s Office should be contacted regarding this. Commissioner Conlin agreed that the Mayor’s Office should be contacted, but also stated that she will be inclined to only apply this to the alcohol licenses since the other licenses fees are not significant, that the alcohol fees are supposed to be related to the amount of work that is put into the processing of the application. She expressed that it takes the same amount of work to process an application in August as it does in February.

Commission Chair explained that it would be a one-time issue, because sequentially after that the licensee will be paying for a full license, one year at the time. She expressed the Mayor’s Office should be contacted regarding this as it involves a city-wide budgeting. Commissioner Adyanthaya added this could be a point of improvement or point of competition between towns for the Mayor’s Office to consider where people would like to open business.

The Board of License Commissioners decided to continue this discussion in the next scheduled meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Manuela Familia  
Administrative Clerk