



CITY OF TAUNTON
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
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PRESENT:

Peter C. Lamb, Chairman
Brendan P. Mullen, Commissioner
Bruce M. Thomas, Commissioner
Det. William Rutherford
Det. Sergeant Joseph Marques

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Lamb.

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to accept the minutes from December 8, 2021. Commissioner Thomas seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Taunton Eagles Soccer Club, Inc. – Pledge of License:

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the pledge of license for Taunton Eagles Soccer Club. Commissioner Thomas seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Weir Atlantic Café LLC d/b/a Atlantic Café, 10 Plain Street – Application for a Transfer of

License: Commissioner Thomas recuses himself from this matter. Casey Medas the proposed Manager is present on behalf of the applicant. They are planning on continuing with the current hours of operation. He states that they plan on running the same operation as is presently being operated, but with more of a restaurant atmosphere. All staff will have TIPS and Serve Safe training. He is familiar with the current policies and procedures and plans to continue with them. They plan on continuing with the same type of entertainment. He has 19 years of experience in running bars and nightclubs and has a lot of experience managing. Detective Rutherford states that his background check is complete and there aren't any issues and there haven't been any issues at the Atlantic that he can think of.

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the application for a transfer of license for Weir Atlantic Café LLC d/b/a Atlantic. Chairman Lamb seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

New Ward Five, Inc. d/b/a Underground Bar & Grill – Request to close downstairs bar/restaurant temporarily:

They are looking to temporarily close the daily operation of the downstairs restaurant and bar due to the pandemic and staffing issues. They would like to continue hosting functions and cater food from the kitchen only as well as provide bar services to those functions that rent the hall.

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the request to close the downstairs bar temporarily with caveat that they update the Commission in 90 days. Commissioner Thomas seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Late 2022 Common Victualler License Renewals:

Chios Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 648 County St.
Xanthi, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 508 Middleboro Ave.
Stelios Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 43 Worcester St.
KKFS, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 983 County St.
Markos Donuts, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 491 Weir St,
LBK, LLC d/b/a Burger King 6066, 294 Winthrop St.
Starbucks Corp., 65H Taunton Depot Drive
Speedway LLC d/b/a Speedway 2516, 23 Cape Road
New England Farms, Inc., 399 Winthrop Street
Whittenton House of Pizza, 436 Bay Street
Perkins Paper LLC, 630 John Hancock Road
Jade Lee Kitchen, 239 Broadway
Target Store T-1189, 81 Taunton Depot Drive

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the 13 late Common Victualler renewals for 2022. Commissioner Thomas seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Requests for Waivers of Police Detail Requirements:

El Mariachi
Holy Ghost
Home Plate
Hong Kong City
Lafayette Club
Portuguese American Civic Club
Segregansett Country Club

Sherwood Entertainment
Taunton Lodge of Elks
Taunton Sports Club
Brack's Grille & Tap
New Ward Five, Inc. d/b/a Underground Bar & Grill
David F. Adams Post VFW

Detective Rutherford states that the only ones that they have had past issues with are Home Plate, Lafayette Club, and Sherwood Entertainment. Some of the issues have been parking and some have been fights. Home Plate has had issues after hours with fights in the parking lot and the fact that the private security has not contacted the police department when there is an issue. Sherwood Entertainment is supposed to hire a detail if they sell over a 100 tickets prior to the event. The owner is supposed to be in contact with Sergeant Medas on a weekly basis. Home Plate had hired a few details at the beginning. Lafayette Club has been hiring a detail for all Sunday Family Fun Day events. Sherwood Entertainment hires when he feels he needs somebody. Sherwood is supposed to have regular contact with the police department. The Commissioners would like Detective Rutherford to find out how many details have been hired and report back to the Commission. They would like to table this matter until they have more information as far as how often detail officers have been hired. If Brack's Grille & Tap start having live entertainment, they will need details. Commissioner Mullen has a problem with issuing blanket waivers. Detective Rutherford explains that a waiver could be a reduction in the number of officers required by the rules and regulations. Commissioner Mullen thinks the waiver needs to be specific stating that if they have a live entertainment with over 100 guests a detail will be required. Chairman Lamb would like to table the applications from Home Plate, The Lafayette Club, Sherwood Entertainment, and Brack's Grille & Tap and have them appear at the next meeting to discuss 2022 entertainment. He doesn't feel that they should be given a blanket waiver.

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to table 4 of the requests for waivers for Home Plate, Lafayette Club, Sherwood Entertainment and Brack's Grille & Tap and ask that they come visit us next month to have discussions about their waivers. Commissioner Thomas seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve conditional waivers of police detail requirements for El Mariachi, Holy Ghost, Hong Kong City, Portuguese American Civic Club, Segregansett Country Club, Taunton Lodge of Elks, Taunton Sports Club, New Ward Five and David F. Adams Post VFW and that if they have an anticipated event of greater than 100 attendees with live entertainment that the expectation is that they will request a detail or speak with the detail hiring officer as to the appropriateness of the detail. Commissioner Thomas seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Old Business/New Business:

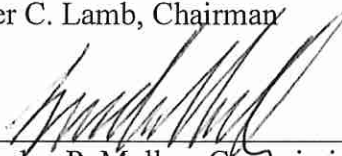
Detective Rutherford and Sergeant Marques have several licensees that have failed to renew their Common Victualler licenses in a year or two or are late and a couple of establishments that haven't opened in a while. They would like updates from the National and Acadia as to an anticipated opening/reopening dates. They would like notices sent to them via certified mail so that the police can enforce. Commissioner Mullen would like a list of the establishments in question and the matter placed on the agenda for next month to discuss.

Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Thomas seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Peter C. Lamb, Chairman



Brendan P. Mullen, Commissioner

Bruce M. Thomas, Commissioner