

MINUTES LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, August 18, 2022 G.A.R. Room, City Hall, 45 School Street

The License Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2022 Present were Chairman Jeffrey Charnel, Commissioners John McGarry, Paul Studenski and Robert Simpson. Also present were License Agent Lieutenant Paul Bonanca, and standing in for Executive Assistant Silvia Carvalho, is Administrative Assistant III from the Law Department, Synthia Olivier.

1. Review and accept Minutes of the Regular License Commission meeting of July 21, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner McGarry to approve the minutes of the aforesaid meeting which motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

 Approval of the following police officers as license agents for the month of August, 2022: Lieuts. Paul Bonanca and David Farrell; Sgts. Christopher McDermott and Timothy Stanton; Captain William Hallisey; Dets. Erin Cummings, Jackie Congdon, Eric Clark, Santiago Cirino, Thomas Hyland, Michael Bunker, Nazaire Paul, James Cronshaw.

A motion was made by Commissioner McGarry to approve the license agents as listed for the month of August, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

1. Old Business

Motion to take Agenda Items No. 9 and 10 out of order as they are old business.

9. Hearing on a request from 2030 Ocean Street, LLC- Manager, Daniel Newcomb makes application for an All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store license at 750 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA.

Agenda Item No. 9 is before the Commission on an assented to remand from the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. This matter was before the License Commission on June 16, 2022. The Local Board consists of five members, and a quorum of three members was present at the June 16, 2022 hearing. After hearing Appellant's application on that date, the Commissioners voted 2-1 in favor of issuing the License. At that time, the understanding of the Commission was that, in order to approve an application, there needed to be 3 votes in the affirmative. Consequently, the license was denied. As the Commission's vote only required a simple majority, Appellant's license should have been granted by the 2-1 vote. In light of this procedural error, the mater is back before the Commission for the purposes of correcting the record and the granting of the license to the applicant.

Motion to correct the record and issue the All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store license to 2030 Ocean Street, LLC

10. Hearing on a request from Salto's Liquors & Food, LLC, -Manager, Joao J. Mendes, makes application for a Change of Category from a Wine and Malt Package Store license to an All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store license at 1041 North Main Street, Brockton, MA.

Agenda Item No. 10 is before the Commission on an assented to remand from the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. This matter was before the License Commission on June 16, 2022. The Local Board consists of five members, and a quorum of three members was present at the June 16, 2022 hearing. After hearing Appellant's application on that date, the Commissioners voted 2-1 in favor of issuing the License. At that time, the understanding of the Commission was that, in order to approve an application, there needed to be 3 votes in the affirmative. Consequently, the license was denied. As the Commission's vote only required a simple majority, Appellant's license should have been granted by the 2-1 vote. In light of this procedural error, the mater is back before the Commission for the purposes of correcting the record and the granting of the license to the applicant.

Motion to correct the record and issue the All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store license to Salto's Liquors & Food, LLC

2. New Business

3. Hearing on a request from Atlantic Medicinal Partners, Inc. for the renewal of a retail marijuana license located at 4 Main Street, Brockton, MA.

Discussion: No one was present at the time the Chairmen read the item and Commissioner McGarry decided to move it to the end which was seconded by Commissioner Studenski.

The item was read again at the end of the meeting by Chairman Charnel and again no one showed up.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner McGarry, seconded by Commissioner Studenski, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was voted to postpone to the next regular scheduled License meeting.

4. Hearing on a request from The Holistic Concepts, Inc. for the renewal of a retail marijuana license located at 1915 Main Street, Brockton, MA.

Discussion: present was Attorney David Asack of 95 West Elm Street asking to renew for another year. Attorney Asack had bid out for rehab but the cost was too much. They decided to sub it themselves and hoping to open by the end of the year. The permitting will be happening next month and will be going in front of Council. They have already renewed with the CCC in Boston.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner McGarry, seconded by Commissioner Studenski, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was voted to approve the renewal for The Holistic Concepts, Inc. for retail marijuana license located at 1915 Main Street, Brockton, MA.

5. Hearing on a request from Kamla Corporation, dba Country Food Store, Manager Jemin Patel makes application for a Transfer of a Beer and Wine Package Store license and a Pledge of Stock at 380 North Main Street, Brockton, MA 02301 to RAM Corporation dba Country Food Store, Manager-Sapna P. Patel.

Discussion: present were Attorney Scott Rubin of 71 Legion Parkway, Brockton, Chirag Patel of Stoughton, MA and Sapna Patel of Haverhill, MA. The store will keep the same employees on and the hours will remain the same as well. Ms. Sapna Patel has experience working in the liquor industry since 2014. The loan will come from Rockland Trust to film in the financial gap.

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Lt. Bonanca conducted an inspection of the business and has no objection from the Police Department. They are also looking for approval of transfer and pledge of stock. The lease is for 5 years.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner McGarry, seconded by Commissioner Studenski, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was voted to approve the transfer of Beer and Wine Package Store license and a Pledge of Stock at 380 North Main Street, Brockton MA 02301 to RAM Corporation dba Country Food Store, Manager- Sapna P. Patel.

6. Hearing on a request from Domar, LLC., dba Sweeney's Discount Spirits, Manager-Maria S. Veiga makes application for a Transfer of an All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store license and a Pledge of Inventory and License at 1145 West Chestnut Street, Brockton, MA 02301 to N&H Liquors, Inc. dba Sweeney's Discount Liquors, Manager-Pinakin Patel.

Discussion: present were Attorney Matthew Porter of 480 Turnpike, Rameshbhai Patel and Pinakin Patel of Shrewsbury, MA. Attorney Porter stated this is a straight forward transfer. N&H Liquors, Inc will be purchasing the building as well are making a Pledge to Rockland Trust. Everyone is Tip certified, scanning machines will be utilized. The seller, Marie Veiga was present and in favor, no opposition. Commissioner McGarry stated Sweeney's was before the License Board in June of 2021 and asked if they are purchasing the entire building. Attorney Porter responded yes, they will be purchasing the entire building. The Chairman asked about the other stores and if they were any violations. Mr. Patel responded that they have not had any violations except in 2015. Lt. Bonanca conducted inspection with no issues and no objection from the Police Department.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner McGarry, seconded by Commissioner Studenski, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was voted to approve the transfer of an All Alcoholic Beverage Package Store license located at 265 Samuel Avenue, Brockton, MA.

7. Hearing on a request from Brockton Country Club for a Change of Manager on an All Alcoholic Beverages Club license located at 265 Samuel Avenue, Brockton, MA.

Discussion: Representative from the Brockton Country Club had called to be taken off the agenda.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner McGarry, seconded by Commissioner Studenski, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was voted to postpone till the next regular License meeting.

8. Hearing on a request from Basement Powersports, Inc. on an Amendment of a Class II Dealers license located at 21 Terminal Place, Brockton, MA.

Discussion: present was Melanie Smith of 21 Terminal Place, looking to amend from 26 spots to 23 spots. Lt. Bonanca was there at the site and stated they need a handicapped sign, which they now have. They have added motor vehicle repair and have since had to reduce the size of parking spots to 15 sales/ repair, 5 customer parking, 1 handicapped and 2 employee parking. Lt. Bonanca stated the unregistered vehicles need to be placed behind the fence. Commissioner McGarry stated very tight space and Deputy Chief Williams who was present at the confirmed parking spots and states they meet regulations.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner McGarry, seconded by Commissioner Studenski, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was voted to approve pending items that are required and a plan being sent to the License Commission.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner McGarry, seconded by Commissioner Studenski, and a unanimous vote of the members present to adjourn the License Commission meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Charnel, Chairman

Approved

John McGarry

Paul Studenski

Robert Simpson