



*Licensing Board*  
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**MINUTES December 15, 2011**

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: November 17, 2011

1. Red Lentil, LLC d/b/a Red Lentil  
600 Mt. Auburn Street  
Change of Hours  
New Wine & Malt License Approved 3-0
  
2. Halfway Café, Inc. d/b/a Halfway Café  
394-396 Main Street  
Change of Manager Approved 3-0
  
3. Renewals: Approved 3-0
  - 92 Common Victualler
  - 26 All Alcohol Common Victualler
  - 6 All Alcohol Package Goods
  - 10 All Alcohol Club
  - 6 Wine & Malt Common Victualler
  - 7 Wine & Malt Package Goods
  - 3 24-Hour Opening
  - 3 Sale of Food at Retail
  - 19 Entertainment License 6 Day
  - 12 Automatic Amusement Device
  - 8 Music Box
  - 9 Class I Auto Dealer
  - 12 Class II Auto Dealer

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Donna B. Doucette, Chairman

7:32PM to 9:50 PM

Present: Donna B. Doucette, Robert J. Whitney, George B. Newman, Sandra Hoffman Kasabian

1. Red Lentil, LLC  
d/b/a Red Lentil  
600 Mount Auburn Street  
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Red Lentil, LLC d/b/a Red Lentil for approval of a change of its hours of operation under its common victualler license for the premises at 600 Mount Auburn Street to move the opening hour from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and its application for a wine and malt beverage common victualler license to be exercised at the same premises.

Attorney Silvia Glick appeared in support of the application, together with Jaime Berryman, manager, and Pankaj Pradhan, owner. Attorney Glick explained that the restaurant proposes two additional morning hours in order to serve breakfast.

Sergeant Grady stated that the Police Department had no objection the additional hours.

The Health Department reported that the licensee must contact the department to update it food service establishment application to reflect the change of manager.

Attorney Glick and Ms. Berryman reported that the restaurant has been operating successfully since September of 2009, serving a vegetarian and vegan menu. Ms. Berryman explained that a wine and malt license is being requested in order to provide beverages to complement the food.

Ms. Berryman stated that she has served alcohol and tended bar in her work for other restaurants. She is currently TIPS certified, as is Mr. Pradhan. The restaurant has approximately 12 to 15 servers and they will be TIPS certified within 30 days of the Licensing Board's approval of the application. Either one or both of Ms. Berryman and Mr. Pradhan will be on the premises when the restaurant is open for business.

Sergeant Grady stated that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the wine and malt license, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve a change of hours as follows: 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday; 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday; 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday; and 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Sunday. The Board also voted unanimously to grant a 6-day wine and malt beverage common victualler license, subject to the following conditions:

1. The maximum seating capacity shall not exceed 36 seats, as shown on the plan submitted (“Red Lentil Floor Plan 600 Mount Auburn Street, Watertown, MA 02472” received in the office of the Town Clerk on November 1, 2011).
2. The hours of operation shall not exceed 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday; 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday; 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday; and 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Sunday (no alcohol service on Sunday), **and all wine and malt beverages must be secured during Sunday operating hours.**

3. The manager, Jaime Berryman, shall ensure that all bartenders and servers attend and successfully complete an alcohol awareness training program (e.g., TIPS) within 90 days of hire or expiration of certification. Copies of all certificates shall be forwarded to the Town Clerk's office.
2. Halfway Café, Inc.  
d/b/a Halfway Café  
394-396 Main Street  
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Halfway Café, Inc. d/b/a Halfway Café for approval of a change in the manager of its premises at 394-396 Main Street licensed for all alcohol common victualler service.

Jason Carter, the proposed new manager, appeared in support of the application. Mr. Carter stated that he has worked for the Halfway Café restaurants for two years, and has worked in the restaurant business for 12 years. He has experience as a server, bartender, and managing supervisor. He is TIPS certified. Mr. Carter will be on the premises approximately 50 to 60 hours per week.

The Health Department reported that the licensee must contact the department to update its food service establishment application to reflect the change of manager.

Sergeant Grady stated that the Police Department had no objection to the change of manager, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Carter as the new manager, subject to the following conditions:

1. Mr. Carter shall ensure that all bartenders and servers of alcohol attend and successfully complete an alcohol awareness training program (e.g., TIPS) within 90 days of hire or expiration of certification. Copies of all certificates shall be forwarded to the Town Clerk's office.
2. All other conditions of the license shall remain in place.
3. The Watertown Licensing Board voted unanimously to renew all the following renewals for 2012:
 

92	Common Victualler
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6	All Alcohol Package Goods
10	All Alcohol Club
6	Wine & Malt Common Victualler
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"Not included in the above renewals were the licenses for Big Sky Bakery and Main Street Mobil Station. Although Watertown Licensing Board approved a Common Victualler license on May 19, 2011, for Big Sky Bakery and a Class II Auto Dealer's license on March 17, 2011, for Main Street Mobil Station, the licensees failed to pick up those licenses. As a result, because the licenses were never issued, they are not renewed."