



Licensing Board
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MINUTES FOR April 21, 2011

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: March 17, 2011 Accepted 3-0

1. Halfway Café, Inc. d/b/a Halfway Café
394-396 Main Street
Change of Manager **Approved 3-0**

2. Cakes Retail Corp., Inc. d/b/a
...Cakes
51 Galen Street
New Common Victualler **Approved 3-0**

3. Shuttle/Jitney Renewal 1 License **Approved 3-0**

The Escort Limousine Corporation d/b/a Escort Limousine & Atlantic Coach

4. Attorney William F. York
Discussion Alcohol Licenses

5. Armenian-American Social Club of Watertown, Inc.
76 Bigelow Ave.
Review

7:40 to 8:30

Donna B. Doucette, Chairman

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

1. 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 of the manager of its premises at 394-396 Main Street licensed for all alcohol common victualer service.

Kristin Burke appeared in support of the application. Ms. Burke stated that she has been employed by Halfway Café for 8 years as a manager and has worked in the restaurant business for 18 years. She stated that she is TIPS certified and that all wait staff are also TIPS certified.

The Health Department reported that the applicant must contact the department and 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 Ms. Burke as manager of the licensed premises, subject to the following conditions:

1. Ms. Burke 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.
 2. All other conditions of the license shall remain in place.
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2. Cakes Retail Corp., Inc. d/b/a ...Cakes
95 Eliot Street
Milton, MA 02186

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Cakes Retail Corp., Inc. d/b/a ...Cakes for a common victualer license to be exercised at 51 Galen Street.

Joyce White, a director and general manager of the applicant, appeared in support of the application together with her husband, Steven. Ms. White stated that the applicant will operate as a bakery but will also offer breakfast, lunch and dinner, including soups, salads and sandwiches. No food will be prepared on the premises, but rather will be prepared and transported from the applicant's commissary in Charlestown. The applicant also operates two other sites: one in Milton, which has been in operation for one year, and a second in Arlington, which has been open since December of 2010.

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

The Board noted that the Zoning Officer has approved the proposed parking plan, and that the Zoning Officer has specifically indicated that any outdoor seating must be located on private property and that appropriate accessible access/clearances must be maintained.

The Health Department reported that the applicant has contacted the Department and is engaged in the Food Service Establishment plan review process

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant the requested license, subject to the following conditions:

1. The hours of operation shall not exceed 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Saturday.
2. The seating capacity shall be limited to 16 persons inside the premises and no more than 6 on the outside patio area as shown on the floor plan sketch submitted to the Town Clerk's Office on March 23, 2011.
3. There shall be no alcoholic beverages on the premises.

SUBSIDIARY FINDINGS

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2. Sergeant Grady stated that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the requested license, provided that the conditions stated above were imposed.
3. The Board noted that the Zoning Officer has approved the proposed parking plan, and that the Zoning Officer has specifically indicated that any outdoor seating must be located on private property and that appropriate accessible access/clearances must be maintained.
4. The Health Department reported that the applicant has contacted the Department and is engaged in the Food Service Establishment plan review process.

3. Shuttle/Jitney Renewal

The Watertown Licensing Board voted 3-0 to approve the Shuttle/Jitney for The Escort Limousine Corporation d/b/a Escort Limousine & Atlantic Coach

4. Attorney William F. York
Discussion Alcohol Licenses

Attorney Bill York appeared before the Board to request a clarification of the Licensing Board Rules & Regulations regarding Sunday hours for serving liquor. The Board reviewed the specifications for requesting and obtaining Sunday hours.

5. Armenian-American Social Club of Watertown, Inc.
76 Bigelow Avenue
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board held a status review hearing concerning the exercise of the all alcohol club license and common victualer license held by the Armenian-American Social Club of Watertown, Inc. for the premises at 76 Bigelow Avenue.

The Licensing Board acknowledged that the building is still under renovation, and as a result, the licensee is still not operating. The Licensing Board noted that the licensee is awaiting approval of its application for a change of manager and change of officers, as well as approval of its application for alteration of the licensed premises by the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. The Licensing Board stressed that until these approvals are obtained, the licensee may not re-open for business.