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MINUTES FOR November 15, 2012

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: September 20, 2012 and October 18, 2012
2. Tiffany Tran d/b/a Frutti Berri
127 Mt. Auburn Street
New Common Victualler Approved 3-0
3. MC, LLC d/b/a Jiffy Lube
84 Arsenal Street
Change of Hours Continued Dec. 20, 2012
4. Golden River Co. d/b/a Little Thai Cafe
51 Main Street
Transfer All Alcohol Common Victualler Approved 3-0
5. SMAT, Inc. d/b/a Grappa
71 Elm Street
Show Cause Dismissed 3-0
6. John & Kimberley Stathakis d/b/a
Orchard Park Grill
208-210 Waverley Ave.
Show Cause Dismissed 3-0
7. Comments by Board Clerk and Police Department

7:18 to 8:15

Donna B. Doucette, Chairman

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

1. Minutes: September 20, 2012 and October 18, 2012 Approved 3-0
2. Tiffany Tran
d/b/a Frutti Berri
30 Hillcrest Road
Waltham, MA 02451

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Tiffany Tran d/b/a Frutti Berri for a common victualler license to be exercised at 127 Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown.

Philip Ha, husband of the applicant, appeared in support of the application. Mr. Ha stated that he would be serving as manager of the business, a self-serve frozen yogurt shop. He noted that he has experience in the investment industry business, and participated in training at the flavor supplier from which the restaurant will obtain its product. Mr. Ha added that this is a family owned business.

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 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 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday.
 2. The seating capacity shall not exceed 6, as shown on the plan submitted (floor plan sketch entitled "Frutti Berri 127 Mt. Auburn St.," filed in the office of the Town Clerk on October 9, 2012).
 3. There shall be no alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises.
3. MC, LLC
d/b/a Jiffy Lube
84 Arsenal Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board has continued its hearing on the application of MC, LLC d/b/a Jiffy Lube for approval of a change of hours for its motor vehicle repair license exercised at 84 Arsenal Street. The continued hearing on this application will be held on December 20, 2012 at 7:15 p.m. in the Philip Pane Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA.

4. Golden River Co.
d/b/a Little Thai Café
51 Main Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Golden River Co. d/b/a Little Thai Café for a transfer to it of the all alcohol common victualler license held by Lazziz Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Lazziz Restaurant Fine Indian Cuisine for exercise at 51 Main Street.

David Wong, the proposed manager and husband of the president, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Wong stated that he would be responsible for day-to-day operations at the premises. He reported he has previous restaurant experience, as owner and operator of a restaurant in New Hampshire, which held an alcohol license. His wife, Mandy, will assist in the operation of the business, and she will obtain TIPS certification. She had worked part time at their previous restaurant business.

Sergeant Grady stated that the Police Department had no objection to the transfer of the license, provided that the conditions stated in items 1-4 below were imposed.

The Health Department reported that the applicant has contacted the department, and is engaged in the food service establishment plan review process.

The Building Department reported no objection, subject to final occupancy permit inspection.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve the requested transfer, subject to the following conditions:

1. The hours of operation shall not exceed 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12:00 noon to 11:00 p.m. on Sunday.
2. Alcohol on the premises shall be secured and not exposed for sale during Sunday business hours.
3. The manager, David Wong, all bartenders and waitstaff shall attend and successfully complete an alcohol awareness training program (e.g., TIPS) within 90 days of hire or expiration of current certification. A copy of all certifications shall be provided to the Town Clerk's office.
4. The seating capacity shall not exceed 39 persons in the interior of the building and 30 persons on the outdoor patio (seasonal seating).
5. The seasonal outdoor seating period shall be June 1 to September 30.

5. SMAT, Inc.
d/b/a Grappa
71 Elm Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board was to hold a show cause hearing to consider what action to take with respect to the all alcohol common victualler license exercised at 71 Elm Street for failure to pay local taxes or fees, which were unpaid for at least twelve months. The Licensing Board acknowledged receipt of notice from the Town's Treasurer-Collector that the licensee had entered into a payment agreement with the Treasurer-Collector for the amounts owed. Therefore, the show cause hearing did not take place.

6. John Stathakis and Kimberley Stathakis
d/b/a Orchard Park Grill
2 Troy Road
Belmont, MA 02478

The Watertown Licensing Board was to hold a show cause hearing to consider what action to take with respect to the all alcohol common victualler license issued for exercise at 208-210 Waverley Avenue for failure to pay local taxes or fees, which were unpaid for at least twelve months. The Licensing Board acknowledged receipt of notice from the Town's Treasurer-Collector that the licensee had made payment of the outstanding amounts over one year old. Therefore, the show cause hearing did not take place.

7. Comments by Board Clerk and Police Department

Board Clerk Donna Gill reported that the Upper Crust Pizzeria had stopped operations on Tuesday, November, 13.

Board Clerk Donna Gill reported that she had still not received an alcohol license transfer application for the Orchard Park Grill (John Stathakis and Kimberley Stathakis d/b/a Orchard Park Grill), and that in order for any application to be considered at the Board's December meeting, the legal ad had to be submitted to the newspaper by Friday, November 23. The Board voted to allow an extension of the application deadline to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21.