



Licensing Board
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Minutes January 16, 2020

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

1. SPECIAL LICENSES:

- Hellenic Cultural Center 25 Bigelow Ave Approved 3-0
One Day All Alcohol License/ Vasilopita Dance Jan.25, 2020

George Faggas appeared in support of the application. He described the event as something like a New Year's Eve good luck celebration. Attendees will be of all ages. Identification will be requested of persons seeking service of alcohol, and no more than two drinks per person will be served. Food will be provided by a caterer. The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Building, Fire, and Health Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Building, Fire, and Health Departments.

- Hellenic Cultural Center 25 Bigelow Ave Approved 3-0
One Day All Alcohol License/ Baptism Reception Feb. 29, 2020

George Faggas appeared in support of the application. He stated that although the reception was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. he did not think it would run that long. Board chairman stated that the license holder would need to be diligent in oversight if the event did run as long as scheduled. The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Building, Fire, and Health Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Building, Fire, and Health Departments.

2. XZH, Inc. d/b/a New Ginza Change of Manager Withdrawn
63-65 Galen Street Change of DBA Approved 3-0
Change of Manager and Change of DBA

3. Flaming Pit, LLC Continued to February 20, 2020
222 Arsenal Street
Extension of Hours to include Sundays & Change of Hours of Operation

4. Country Mile Food, LLC d/b/a Country Mile Approved 3-0
136 Belmont Street
Change of DBA/Change of Manager and Amend Members (Stockholders)

5. Johnnie's Pizza, Inc Approved 3-0
330 Pleasant Street, Unit E
New Common Victualer License

6. Shake Shack Massachusetts LLC, d/b/a Shake shack Approved 3-0
106 Arsenal Yards Boulevard
New All Alcohol Common Victualer License

7. Smita Convenience, Inc. d/b/a All Day Convenience Continued to April 16, 2020
1084 Belmont Street
Status Hearing

8. XZH Inc. d/b/a New Ginza Continued to March 19, 2020
63-65 Galen Street
Status Hearing

Start: 7:25PM
End: 8:45PM

Donna B. Doucette, Chairman

Present: Donna B. Doucette, Sandra Kasabian Hoffman, Steven W. Aylward

XZH II, Inc.
d/b/a New Ginza
63-65 Galen Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of XZH II, Inc. d/b/a New Ginza for approval of a change of manager of its premises at 63-65 Galen Street licensed for All Alcohol Common Victualer service and a change of its corporate name.

Risheng Xu, corporate director and secretary, appeared in support of the application and stated that the request for change of manager was being withdrawn. Mr. Xu explained that there is a typographical error in the current corporate name of record. Instead of XZH, Inc., it should be XZH, II, Inc. No other changes to the restaurant operation are proposed.

Sgt. Grady reported that the Police Department had no objection to the change of corporate name, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve a change of corporate name from XZH, Inc. to XZH II, Inc., subject to the following conditions:

1. The licensee name shall be recorded as XZH II, Inc. d/b/a New Ginza.
2. All conditions of the license shall remain in place.

Flaming Pit, LLC
222 Arsenal Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board has continued its hearing on the application of Flaming Pit, LLC for an extension and change of the hours of operation, to include Sunday operations, for its All Alcohol Common Victualer License exercised at 222 Arsenal Street.

The continued hearing on this application will be held on February 20, 2020 at 7:15 p.m. in the Philip Pane Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA.

Country Mile Food, LLC
d/b/a Ravello Italian Kitchen
136 Belmont Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Country Mile Food, LLC, d/b/a Country Mile for approval of a change of d/b/a Name, Change of Manager, and Change of LLC Members for its All Alcohol Common Victualer License exercised at 136 Belmont Street.

Attorney Tricia Farnsworth appeared in support of the application, together with LLC members Carol King and Jeffrey Cincotta. Attorney Farnsworth stated that Matthew and Nancy Sargent were leaving the business venture. She explained that the Cincottas have been in the restaurant business for decades. With the change in personnel, the restaurant will be adopting a new, Italian food concept; therefore, approval of the new d/b/a name of Ravello Italian Kitchen is requested. Carol King, a member of the LLC, will be the manager.

Attorney Farnsworth stated that Ms. King has extensive alcohol service and sales experience. She is a sommelier, and also does some work at Porter Square Wine & Spirits in Cambridge.

Sergeant Grady stated that the Police Department had no objection to the proposed change of d/b/a name, change of manager, and change of LLC members, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to approve a change of d/b/a name to Ravello Italian Kitchen, a change of manager to Carol King, and a change of LLC members from Steven Robinson, Carol King, Matthew Sargent, and Nancy Sargent to Steven Robinson, Carol King, Jeffrey Cincotta, and Doreen Cincotta, subject to the following conditions:

Change of d/b/a Name

1. The licensee name shall be recorded as Ravello Italian Kitchen.
2. All conditions of the license shall remain in place.

Change of Manager

1. The new manager, Carol King, shall ensure that all bartenders and servers of alcohol attend and successfully complete an alcohol awareness training program (e.g., TIPS) immediately upon hire or expiration of certification. Copies of all certifications shall be maintained by the licensee and made available upon request.
2. All other conditions of the license shall remain in place.

Change of LLC Members

1. All conditions of the license shall remain in place.

Johnnie's Pizza, Inc.
330 Pleasant Street, Unit E
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Johnnie's Pizza, Inc. for a Common Victualer License to be exercised at 330 Pleasant Street, Unit E.

Yiannis Giannaros, president, appeared in support of the application. Mr. Giannaros stated that he has been in the pizza business for approximately 30 years. He previously operated a Johnnie's Pizza in Newton, but the building has been razed. The proposed site is in a new, mixed use building, with retail and residential occupants.

Sgt. Grady stated that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the license, provided that the conditions stated in items 1 through 4 below were imposed.

The Health Department reported that the applicant must submit a plan review application and food establishment permit application, with supporting documentation, and requested that the license not issue until the required applications have been submitted to the Health Department.

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant a Common Victualer License, subject to the following conditions:

1. The description of the licensed premises is as follows: an estimated 810 square feet, with one bathroom, kitchen, dining area, and one entrance and one exit.
2. Seating capacity shall be nine persons, one table with four seats and counter seating for five.
3. The hours of operation will be Monday through Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
4. There shall be no alcoholic beverages allowed on the licensed premises.
5. The license shall not be issued until the Health Department and Building Department have given the required approvals for the premises.

Shake Shack Massachusetts LLC
d/b/a Shake Shack
106 Arsenal Yards Boulevard
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Shake Shack Massachusetts LLC d/b/a Shake Shack for an All Alcohol Common Victualer License to be exercised at 106 Arsenal Yards Boulevard.

Attorney Andrew Upton appeared in support of the application, together with Cathy Woods, general manager of the existing restaurant and proposed manager of record for the alcohol license. Ms. Woods stated that she has been in the food and beverage service business for 37 years, including work at full service, fine dining establishments and as a food and beverage director for a golf club. She explained that the patio area is only accessible from the restaurant interior. The point of sale terminals will include a display prompt of 'born not earlier than x date' when purchase of alcohol is requested in order to assist with legal age verification.

Board chairman Doucette asked why a full alcohol license was being requested for a burger and milkshake restaurant. Counsel for the Board, David Doneski, explained that the license being requested was one of the additional licenses authorized by special act of the Legislature, Chapter 73 of the Acts of 2016, which only provides for all alcohol licenses. Attorney Doneski noted that a holder of such a license could voluntarily choose to limit the extent of alcohol served. At this point, beer and wine are anticipated.

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

The Health Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the requested license.

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

1. The description of the licensed premises is as follows: an estimated 3,528 square feet, with two bathrooms, outdoor patio space, two entrances/exits, with additional employees' entrance/exit.
2. The hours of operation will be Monday through Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. No alcohol shall be served before 12 noon on Sunday.
1. Seating capacity shall be 112 persons, as shown on the plan submitted (plan entitled "Shake Shack – Arsenal Yards" by Bergmeyer Associates, Inc., sheet A102.
2. The outdoor seating/patio area shall be monitored by an employee at all times while in operation. A divider and/or barricade to define the licensed premises

shall be in place to delineate the patio space as shown on the plan submitted (schematic plan labeled “Exhibit A-1 | Shake Shack Plan of Premises | 06.27.18”).

3. The manager, Cathy Woods, shall ensure that all servers of alcohol employed by the licensee attend and successfully complete an alcohol awareness training program (e.g., TIPS) immediately upon hire or expiration of certification.
4. Copies of all alcohol awareness training certifications shall be maintained by the licensee and reviewable upon request.

Smita Convenience, Inc.
d/b/a Francis Market
c/o Smita Patel
109 Raffaele Drive
Waltham, MA 02452

The Watertown Licensing Board held a continued hearing on the status of the wine and malt package goods store license that had been transferred to Smita Convenience, Inc. for exercise at 1084 Belmont Street. The license transfer was approved on March 21, 2019, but operations have not yet begun at the licensed premises. The status hearing was first convened on October 17, 2019.

Davis Patel appeared on behalf of the licensee. He reported that although the property had been purchased some time ago, the licensee encountered difficulties with the original contractor retained to renovate the building. After a new contractor was hired, work has been progressing. Mr. Patel stated that he believed the only pending sign-off of the required Town approvals was from the Building Inspector. He added that he anticipated work would be complete within three to five weeks. Sergeant Grady reported that he has viewed the premises and construction is active.

After hearing from the licensee, the Board voted unanimously to hold a further status hearing on Thursday, April 16, 2020.

The hearing will take place at 7:15 p.m. in the Phillip Pane Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA 02472.

XZH II, Inc.
d/b/a New Ginza
63-65 Galen Street
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board convened a hearing on the status of the All Alcohol Common Victualer License issued for exercise at 63-65 Galen Street. In August of 2019, the

Board approved an alteration of the premises, for renovations and repairs required by fire damage, but the restaurant still remains closed.

Risheng Xu, corporate director and secretary, appeared on behalf of the licensee. He reported that he expects the restaurant to re-open in February or March. Mr. Xu stated that completion of the work has been delayed because the contractor has been moving slowly. He added that he has tried to do what he can to keep the project moving.

After hearing from the licensee, the Board voted unanimously to hold a further status hearing on Thursday, March 19, 2020.

The hearing will take place at 7:15 p.m. in the Phillip Pane Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA 02472.