



RECEIVED  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

2023 MAY 18 P 12:02

TAUNTON, MA

CITY OF TAUNTON \_\_\_\_\_ CITY CLERK  
BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
April 12, 2023 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Peter C. Lamb, Chairman  
Brendan Mullen, Commissioner  
Steven Turner, Commissioner

Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman Lamb.

**Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to accept the minutes to the March 15, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.**

**St. Anthony Church, 126 School St. – Application for a Special Alcohol Permit for July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.:**

Attorney Joseph deMello present on behalf of the applicant. Attorney deMello states that St. Anthony's is trying to get the community back together after COVID. They are looking for a special permit for July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-11 p.m. essentially to compliment the food. It will be open to the public, but they are expecting parishioners and their families. Beer and wine will be stored in a locked refrigerated truck. All servers will be TIPS certified or supervised by a TIPS certified individual. They have reached out to Sergeant Medas to get a detail for each night. They do not have a COI yet because they may have a different insurer. They will provide a COI before the license is issued.

**Commissioner Turner makes a motion to approve the special permit pending the insurance certificate. Commissioner Mullen seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.**

**Holy Ghost Society of East Taunton, Inc., 545 Middleborough Ave. – Application for a Special Permit for July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and July 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.:**

Attorney Joseph deMello present on behalf of the applicant. Attorney deMello is in contact with Sergeant Medas and ironing out the details for the details. They have their COI in place and the majority of them are TIPS certified or will be supervised by TIPS certified.

**Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the application or a special permit for July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for the listed hours and July 9<sup>th</sup> for the listed hours of 1-8 for Holy Ghost of East Taunton with alcohol to be removed from site by July 10<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.**

**Deep Pond Farm & Stable, Inc., 123 Dolan Circle – Application for a New Section 12 On-Premise Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages License, Application for Entertainment License and Common Victualler:**

Attorney Brianna Correira and Owner/Proposed Manager Georges Ghazal present on behalf of the applicant. Attorney Correira states that they went before the Planning Board last week and there have been a few developments for parking as well as some operational changes for the site. The meeting has been continued but Attorney Correira has a letter allowing the temporary site plan that was approved. She states there were issues with parking and emergency vehicle access that have since been rectified. Her client is working diligently to purchase 9 acres abutting his property. He has a signed P&S Agreement that allows for the removal of trees and brush as well as parking for 200 vehicles prior to the closing on the property. They will need to go before the Zoning Board for a use variance for parking which will take some time and that is why the temporary site plan was approved. Right now they are looking for small scale operations approval until they can go in for the finalized site plan. They have a pending modification before the Zoning Board this month to ask for an amendment of the hours of operation. They are just looking to open earlier in the day. They would like their Common Victualler and Entertainment Licenses to run with their operating hours, but much more restrictive hours for their Alcohol License. They would like to eliminate Monday through Wednesday and would be asking for Thursday 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday 12 noon to midnight and Sunday 12 noon to 11:00 p.m. Attorney Correira shows the commissioners additional gates that have been installed since they were last before the Commission. Commissioner Turner had concerns about the parking, but is satisfied with the new plan. The occupancy won't be set until the final site plan review. As of right now, they are limited for their occupancy based on the currently allowed parking. Once the final parking plan is in place, they will come back to increase the occupancy. Chairman Lamb would like them to come back before the board if the occupancy is increased. The board would like to see them use bracelets. The board needs a revised application to show the allowed occupancy of 96 people.

**Commissioner Turner makes a motion to approve the application with a capacity of 96 people, bracelets are to be used, site plan will be fixed up to show exactly where the alcohol will be allowed and the access point to that. Commissioner Mullen seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.**

**Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the Common Victualler application for Deep Pond Farm & Stable. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.**



**Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the Entertainment License for Deep Pond Farm & Stable for the revised hours as stated. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.**

**Request for Waiver of Police Detail Requirements:**

**Italian Naturalization Club, 46 Whales Street:** Manager Robert Watts and Treasurer Paul Bedard present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Watts states that he has been working at the Italian Club for the past 20 years and 138 is the largest number of people that he has had in the building. His understanding is that a detail is needed over when the occupancy is over 175. He says they never have 175 people at one time. The Chairman Lamb explains that if he knows he is going to have 150 or so people that he should be calling the police department to get a detail. He would like them to use their own discretion. Chairman Lamb explains that they would issue a conditional waiver and that if they were having more than 100 people it would be the Commission's expectation that they would use their best judgment. Mr. Watts states that the upstairs capacity is 90 and the downstairs where members only are allowed has a capacity of 90. He says that his contract specifically states that they can't have more than 90 people.

**Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve a conditional waiver of police details anything over 100 they will use their judgment to reach out to the Taunton Police Department for a detail. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.**

Applications for Common Victualler License:

- Brack's Taunton, LLC, (food truck) 2097 Bay Street
- Islands Café & Bakery by Josi Sweets, LLC, 91 Weir St.
- Jasmine Garden, Inc., 239-245 Broadway

**Commissioner Turner makes a motion to approve the Common Victualler License for Brack's Taunton, LLC pending their Board of Health Permit is issued. Commissioner Mullen seconds the motion.**

**Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the application for a Common Victualler License for Islands Café & Bakery by Jose Sweets, LLC. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.**

**Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the application for a Common Victualler License for Jasmine Garden, Inc. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.**

**99 West, LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant & Pub, 158 Dean St., – Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Manager.**

**Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the change of officers/directors/llc manager for 99 West, LLC. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.**

**Old Business/New Business:**

**Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held at 5:00 p.m. on January 18, 2023. Commissioner Turner seconds the motion. Unanimously approved.**

Sergeant Marques has received noise complaints with regard to TJ's Diner. They received complaints on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Sergeant Marques spoke with the owner one of the owner's family members. He also spoke with the complaining party as well. It sounds like there are problems with the noise when the door to the establishment is opening for people to come and go and spoke with him about different measures that can be taken to reduce the noise. Since speaking with the owner's family, there haven't been any additional complaints. The police will report if there are any additional issues.

Sergeant Marques reports that Platinum City Gaming has been staying open until 2:00 a.m. with entertainment. He had an event scheduled to 2:00 a.m. so Sergeant Marques reached out and advised that his alcohol license is only until 1:00. Mr. Gardner is aware that he must apply for a change in hours if he wanted to change the hours. He would also need to file for an hours of operation permit through the City Clerk's office.

Sergeant Marques would like the compliance checks posted in the local paper. The Commissioners agree that it should be posted.

**Next meeting to be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

Commissioner Turner makes a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mullen seconds the motion. Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter C. Lamb, Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Brendan Mullen, Commissioner

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Steven Turner, Commissioner