

Liquor Commission meeting 8/8/13

Members Present: Gil Medeiros, Sean McCarthy, Michael Gilbert, Chris Walsh, Kelly Richenburg

Members Absent: John Guerin

Mr. Medeiros called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Gilbert seconded by Mr. McCarthy to approve the minutes of June 13 and July 11, 2013.

Vote: unanimous

Applications:

Ms. Joan Regan appeared on behalf of RPD-Sales for a license transfer for R&L Liquors. She explained that she and her partners are purchasing R&L Liquors. Mr. Medeiros asked whether she and her partners have been in the liquor business before. Ms. Regan replied that her partners own New England Wine and Spirits in Newburyport and a convenience store in Tewksbury.

Mr. Walsh asked about any planned changes to the business and Ms. Regan indicated that there would be no substantial changes.

Motion by Mr. Gilbert, seconded by Mr. Walsh to accept the application of RPD-Sales for transfer and schedule a public hearing for September 12, 2013. Vote: unanimous

New Business:

One day license for Robert Carey

Mr. Carey requested a one day license for a wedding at the state reservation on September 29th. Mr. Medeiros reminded Mr. Carey that he is required to purchase the alcohol from an approved wholesaler on the list available from the ABCC. Mr. Carey indicated there will not be a bartender and there will be a police detail.

Motion to grant a one day license to Mr. Robert Carey by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Ms. Richenburg. Vote: unanimous

Public Hearing:

Motion to open the public hearing for license for Good Fortune Chinese Restaurant by Mr. Walsh, second by Mr. Gilbert. Vote: unanimous.

Ms. Ruby Chiang representing Good Fortune indicated that they wish to apply for a full alcohol license.

Mr. Medeiros explained that a previous transfer of license was not approved as a result of tax problems with the prior owner. Unfortunately, no one can currently locate the prior owner and after discussion with the attorney it was felt the best course of action was for the new owner to apply for a new license. Ms. Chiang provided the board with ad copy and abutters notice and will forward DOR certificate.

Mr. McCarthy asked if they were still selling beer and Wine. Ms. Chiang indicated they are not.

Motion to close the hearing by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Gilbert. Vote: unanimous.

Motion to approve the application for transfer of license subject to receipt of DOR certification by Mr. Gilbert, second by Mr. Walsh. Vote: unanimous.

Old Business

Status report on Winners Circle – Jeff Duford indicated the ABCC wants a more complete description. Mr. Duford will provide and we'll send it forward.

Incident Report from Salisbury Policy at Splash lounge on July 8th indicating use of a false ID. However, the PD didn't pick it up until running it through the computer. Mr. Gilbert expressed concern about this being the second incident this summer and would like a conversation with the manager to express those concerns. Mr. Walsh agreed and explained more about what occurred. Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Medeiros also concurred that a visit may be in order. Ms. Richenburg also expressed that we should, in addition to the manager, speak to the security head.

Anthony's (returned by ABCC with list of conditions needed) – Ms. Richenburg questioned whether there was any activity and when do we prod them?

Motion that we send a letter and ask Anthony's to appear to explain the status of their application on Sept. 12th by Ms. Richenburg seconded by Mr. Gilbert. Vote: unanimous

Stripers Grille (waiting for ABCC)

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Family Chinese Restaurant – will go to ABCC tomorrow.

Dolphin Grill – returned by ABCC.

Motion by Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Gilbert to adjourn the meeting at 7:33. Vote: unanimous.