

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**NOVEMBER 23, 2010**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

Members Present: Robert Richardson, David Parker, John Whelan,  
Michael Brady, Francis Cavaco

Town Administrator: Michael J. Carroll

Executive Assistant Anne Rogers

Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

In accordance with the new Open Meeting Law, Mr. Parker stated the meeting is being taped both audio and visual. He asked if anyone in the audience is recording the meeting.

Atty. Jeffrey Blake of Kopelman & Paige clarified that the Board had earlier indicated they would not discuss suspension of the license. However, he has received information from the applicant's attorney that could not be anticipated but is germane as to what is going on. The applicant wants to discuss a management agreement. At the discretion of the Board, there could be limited discussion.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Consider the Petition to Pledge the Stock and to Transfer the Annual All Alcohol Restaurant License from Seekonk Hospitality, Inc., d/b/a Ramada Inn, Lois Comeau, Manager, to Seekonk Hospitality Group, Inc., d/b/a Di Parma Italian Tables, James McCourt, Manager**

Chairman Richardson opened the hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Karen Simao, attorney for the applicant, introduced James McCourt, manager; Evangelia Zambelis, sole stockholder; and David Darling representing Seekonk Hospitality.

Executive Assistant Anne Rogers indicated that documents are in order with the exception of an Affidavit as to charges and disposition regarding Mr. McCourt's indication that he had been charged with a crime.

Mr. McCourt explained that it was a charge of assault that was reduced. It occurred some time ago.

Atty. Simao distributed complete applications that included items that were not provided with the previous submission.

She outlined the items that changed. She said that all the sources of funding have to be explained to the ABCC. Atty. Simao recommended that the pledge of stock should be separated from the transfer. All documents become effective at the time there is approval by the ABCC. She apologized to the Board for what should have been done.

She requested the Board consider that the licensee immediately complied with the Board's decision to remove the alcohol. She noted there are upcoming holidays and people who work at the restaurant. She respectfully asked the Board to consider an Interim Management Agreement enabling the proposed applicant to act as the management company for the licensee. It would be a short term agreement. Upon Board approval, she would withdraw the appeal.

There were no comments from the audience.

Chairman Richardson closed the hearing at 7:34 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To accept the amended license application, pending submission of the Affidavit and forward to the ABCC.

Atty. Simao commended Ms. Rogers for her assistance.

Mr. Parker stated that comments were made by management that the Town had made a clerical error. He apologized to Ms. Rogers for that.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To approve the Management Agreement between Seekonk Hospitality Inc. and Seekonk Hospitality Group.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To stay the suspension issued on November 4, 2010 for up to 90 days and contingent upon the withdrawal of the appeal by the close of business on November 27, 2010.

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A motion was made by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Brady, and it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Whelan, Clerk

Patricia Gamer, Secretary