



CITY OF TAUNTON

LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

April 30, 2014

7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Lamb
Commissioner Brendan Mullen
Commissioner Bruce Thomas

For the Police Department:

Detective Lieutenant Daniel McCabe
Detective Dennis Smith

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Lamb.

1. **Minutes of the meetings from March 19, 2014.** Motion made by Commissioner Mullen to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Pizza Hut – Application for a Common Victualler License.** Appearing before the Board was Robert Duke, Manager. Mr. Duke stated that the restaurant would be open within 3 – 4 weeks. They were still awaiting to have inspections done by the Board of Health, Fire Department and Building Department, but they were expected to be completed within a week or so. Detective Lt. McCabe suggested issuing the license conditioned upon the inspections. Chairman Lamb stated that the Board could approve the license, but hold it in the office until Mr. Duke brought the inspection certificates in. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to approve the Common Victualler license pending approval of the Board of Health, Fire Department and Building Department. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Sarku Japan – Common Victualler License.** Detective Lt. McCabe stated that Sarku Japan needed to supplement their application by providing the worker's compensation certificate, which they have since done and their application is now complete. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to approve the Common Victualler license. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Garnish Your Dog – Common Victualler License.** Detective Lt. McCabe stated that Ms. Danastorf's check had been returned for insufficient funds and therefore, the license fee had not been paid. He further stated that he went to the Galleria Mall to see Ms. Danastorf regarding the matter and Garnish Your Dog had been closed. Upon further discussion with the Galleria Mall personnel, it was learned that Ms. Darastorf had closed her business after only being open for a few weeks. After discussion, the Board revoked the license issued to Garnish Your Dog.
5. **Slow Pitch Softball League – Special Permits for East Taunton and Hartshorn.** Appearing before the Board was Dustin Arruda, President of East Taunton Softball, Jason Torres, Robert Nunes and Steven Johnson. Jason Torres stated that the East Taunton league had also taken over the Hartshorn League previously managed by George Faria and that they are running both fields. Mr. Torres went on to state that there was a miscommunication with regard to filing the application for the seasonal permit; they thought they had more time and now they are caught in a difficult position. They now need special alcohol permits to run both fields and then they can proceed with the seasonal license. Mr. Torres furthermore stated that they had one person for each location for the next three months. Commissioner Thomas stated that the only issue before the Board should be Hartshorn, not East Taunton; you have no reason for East Taunton not to be done. Mr. Torres stated yes. Commissioner Thomas asked if Mr. Torres was aware when the application is due for next year. Mr. Torres stated that they thought it was November, but there was a miscommunication. They realized it would be 8-10 weeks out before it would be done; the application is long. Dustin Arruda stated that it was the league's plan to start right after the season. He added that they had just taken over Longmeadow Road last month. Commissioner Thomas stated that if you come before the Board again, he would not be inclined to grant special permits. Jason Torres stated that the league is aware that they will need to have 2 seasonal licenses for the league. Chairman Lamb asked Detective Lt. McCabe if he was comfortable with this. Detective Lt. McCabe stated yes, as long as it was not a pattern. Commissioner Mullen stated that as soon as the league got started on this for next year, the better. Commissioner Mullen stated that he would start next week, not after the season is over. Chairman Lamb asked if the leagues were incorporated. No. Commissioner Mullen stated that the process would take some time. You might need to start right away. Chairman Lamb stated that there were 6 applications before the Board. Michelle Raposo was not in attendance; prior commitment. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the 3 individual licenses for May 3, 2014 through June 1, 2014; June 2, 2014 through July 1, 2014; July 2, 2014 through July 31, 2014 for Longmeadow Road. Commissioner Mullen seconded the motion. Chairman Lamb reads the dates for East Taunton. Mitchell Reed is in Canada; unable to attend this evening. Commissioner Thomas made a

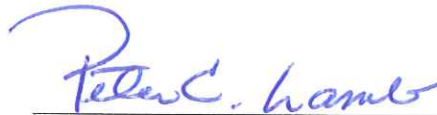
motion to approve the individual licenses for May 3, 2014 through June 1, 2014; June 2, 2014 through July 1, 2014; July 2, 2014 through July 31, 2014 for Middleboro Avenue. Commissioner Mullen seconded the motion. Chairman Lamb emphasized that these licenses were only good through the end of July. The leagues acknowledged that this was correct.

6. **Holy Ghost Society of East Taunton – Application for a Special Alcohol Permit.** Appearing before the Board is Attorney Joseph deMello, and manager, Donna Pittsley. Chairman Lamb stated that the Holy Ghost was applying for a special alcohol permit for July. Attorney deMello stated yes that was correct, they have had one for over 80 years; they always have alcohol and are looking for 30 day permit. Chairman Lamb questioned the dates. Detective Lt. McCabe stated that he did not think it would be a problem. Commissioner Mullen asked how many events this special permit would cover. Attorney deMello stated that he was not sure. I know we have some outside events. Chairman Lamb asked if they would be meeting with the police department regarding details. Yes. Attorney deMello stated that he sent the schedule to the detective and we are all set with that. Chairman Lamb asked if the Holy Ghost was anticipating anything after the 14th of July. No. We have already erected some stakes to segregate the area. Shows a diagram about the segregation. With respect to visibility there is a big window right in the bar that looks outside. Attorney deMello stated that he was not sure if the Holy Ghost should contact the ABCC or if the local board should. Detective Lt. McCabe stated that he felt it should be the local board and offer to contact them stating that he knew the investigator. Chairman Lamb commented that it sounded like the Holy Ghost had addressed the issues and should only need to come in next year for the police details. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the application for the special alcohol permit with dates of June 14, 2014 through July 13, 2014. Commissioner Mullen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Home Plate Properties – Application for an Alteration of Premise.** Appearing before the Board was Robert Anderson, owner and manager. Commissioner Mullen stated that he needed to recuse himself as his company will be performing the construction work. Mr. Anderson explained the alterations that will be made to the premises to include a vestibule, a set of stairs to the basement to accommodate deliveries; moving the hostess station to the opposite wall and adding another doorway to the bar area. Chairman Lamb asked if this will change the capacity and the location of the seating. Mr. Anderson stated no. Detective Lt. McCabe asked if these alterations would remedy the back side loading dock issue. Mr. Anderson stated that he put in a door and Mary Jane Benker from the Building Department approved it. Detective Lt. McCabe stated that there is a pledge of the license from Mechanic's Bank; the ABCC will need to approve the pledge. Chairman Lamb stated that without the pledge, the mortgage doesn't go forward and asked if the construction was coming out of that loan. Mr. Anderson stated some of it. Detective Lt. McCabe stated that he thought it could be kept separate. Chairman Lamb stated that the Board could approve the alteration but not the pledge. Detective Lt. McCabe questions the application figures. Mr. Anderson stated that it should be 100,000 not a

million. He is asked to resubmit the document to the recording secretary so that she can insert the correct page. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the application for the alteration. Chairman Lamb seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

8. **Old Business – Rooming Houses.** Detective Lt. McCabe stated that there are 2 rooming houses left in the City, which are owned by Mr. Cyr and Mr. Asack. We still have the city ordinance regarding the licenses being in effect from April – May, even though they should go through the calendar year. Detective Lt. McCabe stated that he would contact the rooming house owners to clarify this with them. Chairman Lamb asked about the budgets and the recording secretary stated that they were still in the Mayor’s office.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Peter C. Lamb, Chairman



Brendan P. Mullen, Commissioner



Bruce M. Thomas, Commissioner