

## CITY OF TAUNTON

## LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

June 18, 2014 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Lamb Commissioner Brendan Mullen Commissioner Bruce Thomas

For the Police Department: Detective Lt. Daniel McCabe Detective Dennis Smith

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Lamb.

- Minutes of the meetings from May 21, 2014. Motion made by Commissioner Mullen to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. **Manuel Soares, IV** d/b/a Ugly Duckling Communication stating that they intend to close the licensed premise for routine maintenance and cleaning between Tuesday, July 1, 2014 through Saturday, July 5, 2014. Additionally, it is their intent to close on Thursday, November 27, 2014 and Thursday, December 25, 2014 in observation of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Chairman Lamb read the letter into the record and Commissioner Mullen made a motion to keep the correspondence on file. Commissioner to Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. **Lone, Inc., Lafayette** Detective Lt. McCabe stated that the Secretary of State's Office had dissolved Lone, Inc. in 2007 and as a result, the alcohol license appears to have been issued in error. Appearing before the Board was Paul Veradt who stated that he had done all the paperwork to reinstate the corporation, but has not received anything from the Secretary of State, perhaps because the address on the paperwork is his parents' and he is not on good terms with them. Chairman Lamb asked to see the

confirmation of restatement. Mr. Veradt stated that he had assumed that everything was all set. Chairman Lamb asked who Lori Martin was. Mr. Veradt stated that Ms. Martin was the manager. Chairman Lamb stated that Ms. Martin is listed as the contact person from the Secretary of State. Detective Lt. McCabe questioned the contact information and informed Mr. Veradt that he needed to change his address if he was not getting the mail. Detective Lt. McCabe suggested continuing this matter until next month. Chairman Lamb agreed and went on to state that he did not understand why the State had not updated their database; that it appeared to be an administrative issue on the State's end. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to continue to the matter to July 16, 2014. Chairman Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Taunton Gazette - Application for a Special Alcohol Permit. Appearing before the Board was Thomas Talbot, Sales Manager for the Taunton Daily Gazette. Chairman Lamb went over the application and Mr. Talbot explained the event that consisted of an afterhours event that the Gazette was hosting on behalf of the Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held outside, behind the building. Mr. Talbot explained the layout on the diagram provided with the application. Chairman Lamb explained the importance of wristbands and that an outside vendor would supply them to the Gazette; this would help determine who is underage, etc. Detective Lt. McCabe asked about security or police details. Discussion regarding the vendor and how it needed to be a licensed wholesale distributor and not a local package store. Detective Lt. McCabe stated that it should be a cash sale; that the distributor may not deliver, but that the Gazette should be able to purchase it. He further added that the ABCC had a list of distributors on their website. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to approve the special alcohol permit for June 26, 2014 for the Taunton Daily Gazette for the hours of 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Commissioner Mullen made a motion to recess for approximately 5-10 mins. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to return from recess. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **KCB Liquor** – **Application for License Transfer**. Appearing before the Board is Attorney Jack Silverstein, Tushar Patel and Rajesh Patel. Detective Lt. McCabe stated that he was not present at last month's meeting and he believed that the issues that were presented have been resolved. Chairman Lamb questioned the financing. Attorney Silverstein stated yes, that all they needed to do was tell them it was approved and they were ready to go. Chairman Lamb questioned the allocation of the purchase price. Detective Lt. McCabe stated that it seemed to be in order. Chairman Lamb asked who was going to be the day to day manager. Tushar Patel would be the manager. Chairman Lamb asked Mr. Patel where he lived. Mr. Patel stated Marlboro. Chairman Lamb asked Mr. Patel if he realized that he needed to be on the licensed premises more than 50% of the time, and Mr. Patel stated that he did. Chairman Lamb asked what would be the hours of operation, Mr. Patel stated 6:00

a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Chairman Lamb asked if there were any plans to change the premises and Attorney Silverstein stated there was not. Mr. Patel was asked if he understood the clarification of the storage area. He acknowledged that he did, and he explained that if he wished to expand the storage area, he will come before the Board. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to approve the transfer of the license. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

KCB Liquor Corp. - Request for the Pledge of the License. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to approve the pledge of the license. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Detective Lt. McCabe stated that the Board needed copies of the promissory notes with the blanks filled in and the landlord waiver and asked if the Board could approve the documents but hold off submitting everything to the ABCC until all the documents were submitted. Attorney Silverstein stated that he had never done that before and asked if he could have Mr. Sacramone of the ABCC contact Detective Lt. McCabe, to which Detective Lt. McCabe agreed. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **New Business** – The Board scheduled the following meeting dates: August 20<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, and Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mullen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Peter C. Lamb, Chairman

Brendan P. Mullen, Commissioner

Bruce M. Thomas, Commissioner