



CITY OF TAUNTON

LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

November 13, 2013

7:00 p.m.

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 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Lamb.

1. Minutes of the October 16, 2013 License Commission Meeting. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to accept the minutes and Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **PACC** – Application for a special permit. Appearing on behalf of the PACC was John Souza, who is manager of the PACC. The PACC is requesting a special permit to use the outside fire pit for their Thanksgiving Eve meat on a stick from 5-9. Chairman Lamb asked if the servers were trained. Mr. Souza stated yes. Commissioner Mullen asked if people will be checked when ordering at the shed and that no drinks would be permitted from inside. Mr. Souza stated yes. Mr. Souza was asked if the application was for beer and wine and he replied yes. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to approve the special permit. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passes.
3. **Riverfront Sports Bar** – Appearing before the Board is Wayne Berube and his clients, Mr. and Mrs. Sousa. Attorney Berube stated that he had been before the Board before and indicated that his clients were waiting for financing. Financing had not been approved yet, but the bank indicated that they will be approved. They want to do some renovations. In the meantime they want to renew their license. Chairman Lamb asked where they were with the renewal. Detective Lieutenant McCabe stated that none of the

inspections had been completed yet. Commissioner Thomas asked if they had a plan – a construction plan or something like that. Mrs. Sousa indicated yes. Chairman Lamb stated there are certain things that need to be done. Attorney Berube stated that his clients are going to do the statutory necessary items that need to be done in order to renew the license. Commissioner Mullen stated that he wanted to see some kind of plan. Commissioner Mullen expressed a concern about the exterior of the building. He stated that it looks like nothing is there; it should be fixed up as soon as possible. You need to keep the exterior as neat as possible. Attorney Berube stated that the Sousas will call for an inspection and submit a plan within 30 days. Commissioner Thomas stated that they need to have the inspections done by next week. Commissioner Mullen stated that a preliminary sketch – graph paper and sketch out what they are going to have would be fine. No motion.

4. Follow up on the corrective measures from the October 16, 2013 meeting:

**Mercado Novo, Inc.** – Appearing before the Board is Maria Cordeiro, who presents certificates from STOP. Chairman Lamb asked her if she realized that this is not a one-time thing – that this is a routine policy. She replied yes. Commissioner Mullen asked her if she found it helpful. Yes. There is discussion as to clarification on the days held in abeyance. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to accept the corrective measures taken by Mercado Novo. Commissioner Thomas seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

**Carlos Desa d/b/a Desa Package Store** – Appearing before the Board is Carlos Desa. Chairman Lamb asks if he has done everything. Mr. Desa states yes, they have signs up and notices. Chairman Lamb asks if there was any kind of training with STOPS or TIPS. No. Commissioner Thomas asks if they took any classes or got the ID book. Mr. Desa states that if he needs to do anything else, he does not know where to go. Chairman Lamb states that the Board's expectations are that you have business practices and policies in place. It was our understanding that your son would take these classes. We have two companies that have been approved for training. Commissioner Mullen explains STOP and TIPS policies. Mr. Desa asks for the number to call. Commissioner Thomas explains all the options that Mr. Desa could have used. Just because you have done it this way for so many years doesn't mean that is correct. Something needs to be done. Please call STOPS or TIPS. Mr. Desa asks where to go for the telephone number. Commissioner Thomas tells him that he can get it on the website or call them. Chairman Lamb gives him the phone number. Chairman Lamb further states that Mr. Desa has not met the Board's requirements but believes that we can give him an extension for 30 days. Commissioner Mullen tells Mr. Desa to give them a call and they will set up the training with you. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to extend the review of the corrective measures to the next meeting, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**International Pizza** – Appearing before the Board is Rui Figueiredo and Natalia Augusto. Mr. Figueiredo shows documentation from STOP. Chairman Lamb asked if they had them come to their location. Mr. Figueiredo stated yes. Chairman Lamb asked if they found it worthwhile. Yes. Did you get materials? Yes. Commissioner Mullen

states that the Board wants to see them perfect their license. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to accept the corrective measures of International Pizza. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Lamb states that there is a second matter with regard to a police report. He asks if they received a copy of the report. Yes. Mr. Figueiredo stated that he misunderstood and put the sign on the interior wall and not the exterior door and that it won't happen again; there was no doubt we were closed. Chairman Lamb suggested a note in the file. Commissioner Mullen agreed. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to put a note in the International Pizza file on their record that this violation occurred and no that further action be taken. Commissioner Thomas seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Frank's Good Times** – Appearing before the Board is Attorney John White and Frank Teixeira. Attorney White shows the Board a few signs that are posted within Mr. Teixeira's building. He states that all the employees are family members. He reiterates the violation details; states that it was human error. Commissioner Mullen stated that the Board has been very, very consistent with this practice over the last few months. Attorney White states that he understands. Commissioner Mullen stated that it is our expectation for personal training. Attorney White asked if that was that specific recommendation made at the last meeting. Chairman Lamb stated that it was in two parts. Chairman Lamb reads the rules and regulations and indicates that STOP and TIPS have been approved by the Board. Attorney White stated that he wasn't aware that this was required. Chairman Lamb stated that bigger chains have policies and smaller establishments need some sort of practice or education. Commissioner Mullen stated that most establishments find it educational. Chairman Lamb stated we have had a lot of establishments with violations and that the Board needed to enforce corrective measures. Attorney White commented that the Board wants some sort of professional training. Commissioner Mullen stated that it can either be done as an in-house program or subscribe to one of these vendors. Chairman Lamb added that you receive break on your insurance. Commissioner Thomas stated that if you do something in house, it will need to be written up. The companies aren't that expensive. They come to you and do the training and give you the certificates. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to extend the corrective measures that are in place for December 4<sup>th</sup> with either an in house training or one of the vendors. Commissioner Mullen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Communication from the Department of Transitional Assistance – Detective Lt. McCabe gave a report regarding the EBT card violations.

**Eva Mara Swami – Tremont Liquors.** Appearing before the Board is Ms. Patel. She states that she does the bookkeeping. She is just an employee. The Manager is at the store. Chairman Lamb stated that he is hesitant because she does not have the authority to speak on behalf of the manager. She states that her husband is the manager and he is at the store. Commissioner Mullen asks who is the named manager; whose name is on the license. She replied that it is Jignesh Pachani. It is asked how many times he is at the store. She replies once a week – sometimes once a month. Chairman Lamb states that the license holder needs to come in. Not your husband, but the license holder needs to come in. Commissioner Mullen makes a motion for the named manager/license owner

appear before the Board on 12/4 to discuss the issue and perhaps other issues as well. Commissioner Thomas seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

**Kuma Ventures, Inc. d/b/a Taunton Wine & Liquors** – Appearing before the Board is Mahipal Patel, Secretary of the Corporation. Chairman Lamb asked if he has received the letters. Yes. Do you have a contrary response? Yes. We do not accept EBT cards. There was an issue with the ATM machine. I got a call from the department and then called the company in to fix the machine so that they didn't take the cards again. Chairman Lamb asks if they have signs up that state you aren't accepting the cards? Yes, we have some signs. Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to put letter in the file that notices were received from the State and that they took corrective measures. Commissioner Thomas seconds motion. Motion passes unanimously.

**Taunton Liquors d/b/a Globe Liquors** – Appearing before the Board is Vui Le, Owner. Chairman Lamb asks Mr. Le is he understands why he is here? Yes. Chairman Lamb asks if he has received documentation from the Board and from the State as well. Yes. Mr. Le shows documentation that confirms the machine has been corrected to block the cards. Commissioner Mullen makes a motion to put a letter in the file that notices were received from the State and that they took corrective measures. Commissioner Thomas seconds motion. Motion passes unanimously.

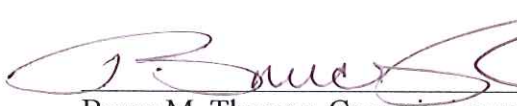
**Apex Ventures d/b/a Andy's Supermarket** – Appearing before the Board was the Manager, Maninder Singh. Chairman Lamb asks if the also had been informed of the violations. Mr. Singh states yes; that he had a similar situation and he called the processor to have the machine blocked and then he called the State to inform them. Commissioner Mullen made a motion to put a letter in the file that notices were received from the State and that they took corrective measures. Commissioner Thomas seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Meeting dates** – January through April – After discussion, the Board decided on the following meeting dates: 1/15/2014, 2/19/2014, 3/19/2014, 4/30/2014

Commissioner Mullen made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

  
Peter C. Lamb, Chairman

  
Brendan P. Mullen, Commissioner

  
Bruce M. Thomas, Commissioner