

METHUEN LICENSING BOARD
SEARLES BUILDING, 41 PLEASANT STREET
SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM #208
WEDNESDAY – January 14, 2009 AT 7:00PM

MEETING of the Methuen Licensing Board on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 7:00pm in the second floor conference room, 41 Pleasant St. Present were Board Members John MacLeod and James Piemonte.

Agenda: Mr. Piemonte motioned to approve the agenda for January 14, 2009. Mr. MacLeod seconded the motion.
All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVED: Gaetano Distefano dba/222 Bar/Grill, 222 Merrimack Street applying for a change of dba from Forno Caldo and to alter the premises.
Mr. MacLeod asked if there was anyone to speak in favor of the application. Mr. Distefano is representing himself and added if he needs his lawyer, Atty. Copani is in the Great Hall.
Mr. MacLeod asked if there was anyone to speak against the application.
Atty. Ramsey Bahrawy is here to represent Mrs. Abourjeili, 15 Erie Road.
Mr. Distefano spoke first and said he already has the license and wants to put two places together. He went in front of zoning and no neighbors ever came to oppose.
Mr. Piemonte asked Mr. Distefano to be specific and explain the altering of the premises.
Mr. Distefano said the ABCC told him to do it now.
Mr. MacLeod asked him if he was putting the two buildings together.
Mr. P. asked Mr. Bahrawy if he was opposed to the change.
Mr. Bahrawy said they were opposed the patio and the serving of alcohol on the patio. I do not object the two buildings going together.
Mr. Piemonte asked if the board gave them certain hours for the patio or what if they tried to move the patio to another area. Would that work?
Mr. Distefano. offered to make it smaller.
Mr. Piemonte. said it doesn't matter and suggested putting a smoking area out front.
Mr. Bahrawy and his client said they would be ok with that.
Mr. Piemonte motioned to grant Mr. Distefano the change of dba from Forno Caldo to 222 Bar/Grill and to alter the premises to add a smoking area to the front of the building providing the Building Inspector/Zoning approves it. This would eliminate the patio in the rear.
Mr. MacLeod seconded the motion to change the dba from Forna Caldo and to alter the premises to add a smoking area out front contingent up the approval of the Building Inspector/Zoning eliminating the patio in the rear of the building.
All in favor.
Mr. MacLeod motioned to adjourn the meeting.
Mr. Piemonte seconded.
All in favor.

I do hereby certify that a meeting of which a quorum was present, the foregoing minutes were adopted by the Methuen Licensing Board by a unanimous vote on February 11, 2009.

Respectfully submitted
Judie Hajjar
Licensing Clerk
Submitted February 5, 2009

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 11, 2009.

**METHUEN LICENSING BOARD WILL CONSIDER OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY PROPERLY
COME BEFORE IT.**