

METHUEN LICENSING BOARD

SEARLES BUILDING, 41 PLEASANT STREET
SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM #208
WEDNESDAY – April 14, 2010 AT 7:00PM

MEETING of the Methuen Licensing Board on Wednesday, **April 14, 2010** in the second floor conference room, 41 Pleasant St. Present were were Chairman Foderaro, Board members, Jack MacLeod and Jim Piemonte.

AGENDA Mr. MacLeod motioned to approve the agenda of April 14, 2010 seconded by Jim Piemonte.

All in favor.

MINUTES Mr. Piemonte motioned to accept the minutes of March 10, 2010 seconded by Jack MacLeod.

All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVED Havan LLC, dba/Plaza Liquors, 182 Haverhill St. – Manager Pathik Patel applying for a transfer of stock and new stockholders.

Mr. Pathik Patel represented himself.

Mr. MacLeod asked if all the paperwork was in order with a positive response.

Mr. MacLeod motioned to approve the transfer of stock and new stockholders.

Seconded by Mr. Piemonte.

All in favor.

APPROVED GMRI, Inc., dba/Olive Garden, 90 Pleasant Valley St. – Manager Karen Charlesworth applying for new corporate officers.

Mr. Steven Blaise represented Olive Garden.

Mr. Piemonte asked if all the paperwork was in order with a positive response.

Mr. Piemonte motioned to approve new officers.

Mr. MacLeod seconded the motion.

All in favor.

APPROVED GMRI, Inc., dba/Olive Garden, 90 Pleasant Valley St. applying for a new manager from Karen Charlesworth to Steven A. Blaise.

Mr. Steven Blaise represented himself and the Olive Garden.

Mr. MacLeod asked Mr. Blaise what his experience in the business was.

Mr. Blaise offered he has 13 years. Four with Olive Garden and 9 with Walt Disney.

Mr. MacLeod also asked if he was TIP certified with a positive response.

Mr. MacLeod motioned to approve the new manager seconded by Mr. Piemonte.

All in favor.

APPROVED SCG Restaurant, LLC, DBA/The Hampstead House Restaurant, 251 Hampstead St., applying for a transfer of an all alcohol, entertainment and common victualler license from S & P Farah, Inc. and Middlesex Savings Bank, dba/The Hampstead Manor, 251 Hampstead St. – Manager Elias Kanj.

Representing Hampstead Manor is proposed owner, Christina Gkoudoulas, 634 Main St. Haverhill, MA.

Mr. Piemonte asked if all the paperwork is in order with a response of 983 forma not signed off yet from Middlesex Bank but it is in the process. Ms. Kkoudoulas assured as soon as the bank signed the form, she would bring it in.

Mr. Piemonte motioned to approve the transfer with the stipulation of the signed off of 983 form.

Seconded by Mr. MacLeod.

All in favor.

APPROVED

Gaetano Distefano, dba/Forno Caldo Italian Cuisine, 222 East St. applying for a change of hours and to add entertainment.

Mr. Distefano represented himself and said he owns a very typical restaurant in which his clients range from young to old. He explained how the economy is tough and if he could just have one more hour per day along with an entertainer it would really help him out. He asked for a one man piano player and a comedian in which he would at no time have more than one person on stage at the same time.

Mr. MacLeod read into the minutes a letter addressed to the Licensing Board from Mrs. Milone who has been a resident for 35 years (see attached).

Mr. Joseph Gonzalez, 20 Quincy St., Methuen spoke in favor of Forno Caldo and said it is a fabulous restaurant. He said he is a realtor and has long/late hours and would like the extension of hours so he doesn't need to rush through.

Barbara Fichera of Appleton Square Apartments, 171 East St. says that it's a family restaurant or couples and really loves the restaurant.

Lily Distefano, 151 Swan Street spoke in favor and said it's a nice quiet friendly place.

Atty. Crowley-LeBlanc, 2 Gaythorne Ct. represented Appleton Square LLC. He asked the board to recall the history of the license with the holding it and not opening a restaurant for months and then the change of location for the license. Atty. LeBlanc told how he worked hours with Atty. Copani on reaching agreement on the hours and entertainment considerations. He explained how he believe people should keep there work on the terms and conditions to the original agreement.

Chairman Foderaro asked if there have been any fights or problems?

Atty. Leblanc feels that would invite trouble.

Manager Barbara Sugarman of Appleton Square offered her hours which are 9-5 and weekends 10-3.

Mr. Piemonte asked Ms. Sugarman for a list of complaints from the tenants, however, there is no such list.

Ms. Sugarman said she can hear cars leaving.

Atty. Leblanc said he doesn't want complaints. There is no reason to change the hours.

Mr. Piemonte motioned that the hours be extended by one hour per night and as for entertainment, only a one man show. Try it for six months and if there are complaints, we will revisit the item.

Mr. MacLeod denied the motion.

Chairman Foderaro seconded the motion to add an hour each night and one man show for entertainment on a trial basis. Also Mr. Foderaro added that it is a bad economy and he deserves a chance.

Mr. MacLeod motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Piemonte seconded the motion.

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 May 14, 2010.

Respectfully submitted
Judie Hajjar
Licensing Clerk
Submitted May 4, 2010

