



BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

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Daniel Sarefield, Chair

Donna Pawlak

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MINUTES OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners was held on January 23, 2019 in the Fitchburg Fire Dept. Community Room, 33 North Street and called to order by Commissioner Sarefield at 6:00 PM. Commissioner Pawlak was present. FPD liaison Lieutenant Howe was present.

The agenda consisted of the following:

I. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed, accepted and signed as amended by Commissioner Pawlak.

II. APPLICATIONS

SOLICITOR: Kenton Jacobs, Keller Williams Real Estate

Mr. Jacobs was present.

Approved 2/0

Oak Hill Country Club, 840 Oak Hill Rd. for Change of Manager to David Melody

Mr. Melody was present. He stated that he has been in the business for 25 years. He works approximately 40-60 hours per week and is present for all events when the bar is open. Commissioner Pawlak noted that it appears the Oak Hill Board of Directors voted him in as Manager last March. She noted that this application should have come before the Board at that time and not now, nearly a year later. She requested that a letter be sent to the Oak Hill Board of Directors reminding them that such matters must be sent to the License Commission in a timely manner.

Application approved 2/0

The Fitchburg Lions Club for an annual Monday – Saturday Entertainment Permit at 14 Wallace Ave for yearly hall rentals (live acoustic music, live amplified music, DJ, dancing)

Mr. Stephen Schraft was present.

Approved 2/0

Fitchburg Recreation Dept. for an annual Monday – Saturday Entertainment Permit at Cogshall Park, 159 Electric Ave. (live acoustic music, live amplified music, dancing)

Mr. Nate Larose, Fitchburg Recreation Director, was present.

Approved 2/0

Beers for Good (by Trevor Bonilla) for Special One Day wine and malt beverages license for Family Festival from 1P – 5P on February 2, 2019 for 100-150 people at the Stone House lawn or porch (weather dependent)

Mr. Trevor Bonilla and Mr. David Streb from Beers for Good were present.

Approved 2/0

III. CONTINUED HEARING

SACF, Inc. dba Beemers Pub and Grill, 310 Main St., Peter C. Cote-Manager for Transfer of License to Peter C. Cote and Alteration of Premises to expand the outdoor seating to include the parking lot in the rear of the building (approx.5000 sq.ft.)

Mr. Cote was present and stated that the matter is still in the court system. He requested that the hearing be continued to the first meeting in March.

Hearing continued to March 4, 2019 2/0

IV. CONTINUED DISCUSSION

1. Regarding Entertainment Permits and implications as they pertain to designation as a "nightclub"
 - Review of proposed, revised Entertainment Permit application with pre-approval required by Fire Chief and Building Commissioner

Building Commissioner Mark Barbadoro and FFD Lt. Philip Jordan were present. Discussion ensued regarding the matter of bars adding entertainment components that shift their building classification to a nightclub resulting in a higher standard of code restrictions. It has been proposed to alter the License Commission Entertainment Permit application to include a prerequisite sign off by the Fire Chief and Building Commissioner. The first draft of the revised form was reviewed and proposed amendments were submitted by the Building Commissioner and further revisions were proposed by the Commission. The Clerk will prepare the second draft of the application and place on the agenda for the next meeting.

V. CONTINUED MATTERS

1. Lodging House licensing procedure

(Continued from June 2017)

Building Commissioner Mark Barbadoro and FFD Lt. Philip Jordan were present. Discussion ensued regarding the fact that very few lodging houses hold an actual license from the License Commission vs the known existence of many in the City. There are some that have contacted the BOH and have been cleared but they believe that is the final step and they never proceed to the License Commission. Noted that there is a need to look at the ability to fine illegal sites. Noted that the regulations for Fire and Building need to be on the same page with definitions and codes.

Continued to March 4, 2019 2/0

2. Proposed change to License Commission regulation 3.12 Compliance Checks: "Notice of Violation" form. *(Continued from May 7, 2018)*

Commissioner Pawlak stated she has the final version with her changes and will send to the Clerk so that it can be discussed at the next meeting.

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3. Proposed amendment to Taxi Regulations: Requiring the taxi companies to notify the Commission if a taxi driver is let go due to unsafe driving practices.

(Continued from September 17, 2018)

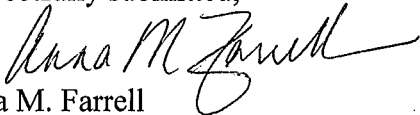
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VI. CORRESPONDENCE

1. From MA State Lottery Commission re: KENO to go at Citgo Mart, Fitchburg Variety and Topps Liquors
No action.

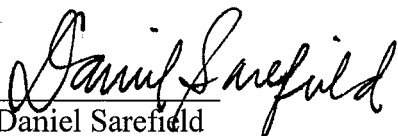
The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,



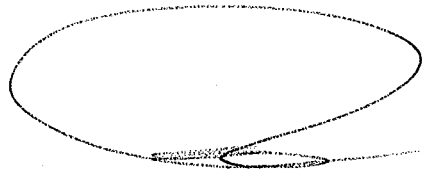
Anna M. Farrell
City Clerk

Approved:



Daniel Sarefield

ABSENT
Glenn Fossa



Donna Pawlak