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Malden Licensing Board



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MINUTES OF MEETING  
MALDEN LICENSING BOARD  
FEBRUARY 27, 2018

Present:

James S. Conway, Chairman  
Lee A. Kinnon, Board Member  
Andrew Zelberg, Board Member  
Captain Marc Gatcomb, Malden Police Liaison to Board  
Attorney Kathryn Fallon, City Solicitor

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Conway.

Motion by Lee Kinnon to accept Minutes from December 19, 2017 meeting Seconded by Andrew Zelberg.

Motion passed.

The first item on the Agenda is the application of AATPA LLC d/b/a One Stop Mart, 33 Pleasant Street for a change of manager and change of beneficial interest. Presenting and representing the applicant was Attorney Thomas Truax, Arunaben Patel the applicant as manager and Ramchandra Parekh, the business owner.

Attorney Truax made a presentation to the Board where he indicated that the current manager on record had trouble working the hours at the store. The applicant for the manager, Ms. Patel, has worked for 17 years at Alexandria's in Lexington, MA. Although they do not sell alcohol at that location she has been training at One Stop Mart 20 hours per week to become familiar with the selling of wine and beer. She has become TIPS certified and since January 22, 2018 she has been working at least 20 hours per week at One Stop side by side with employees. Attorney Truax states there will always be two people working at the store. He also advised his clients to card everyone and not accept out of state identification.

Member Andrew Zeiberg asked if Ms. Patel will work 40 hours in the store. Attorney Truax said she will work 20 hours per week until if and when ABCC approval is received. Then she will work as a full time employee at least 40 hours per week. Ms. Patel will work from 11-5pm or 6pm 5 days per week. It has not been decided yet what days she will be working. Mr. Zeiberg asked who will manage when she is not there. Attorney Truax said they have other employees who will cover and all employees are TIPS or AIM certified.

Member, Lee Kinnon asked Ms. Patel if she understands that even if she is not present she is still the manager of record and will be ultimately responsible for any problems. Mr. Kinnon states that the manager is who the Board will look to for employees following the rules. Mr. Kinnon also states that it is important to this Board that there is no service to underage customers and also no over-serving. If someone comes in that seems to already be

under the influence and exhibits signs they have already had too much to drink they should not be sold beer or wine.

Chairman Conway asked Mr. Parekh if he worked at the store and he said he does not work there. Chairman Conway asked if all employees were TIPS certified and Attorney Truax confirmed that they are and provided their certificates to the Board. Chairman Conway asked Ms. Patel to confirm if the store she works at in Lexington does not sell alcohol and Ms. Patel said they do not.

Chairman Conway asked about the ABCC hearing recently held for selling to a minor. Attorney Truax stated that this incident is what precipitated the change in manager. Attorney Truax also stated again he advised his clients not to accept out of state identification. Mr. Parek told the Board that the majority of the store's business is in lottery sales and he only sells beer or wine to approximately 10-12 customers.

Mr. Zeiberg suggested to Attorney Truax and Mr. Parek that they put up signage in the store indicating they will not serve with out of state identification.

Captain Gatcomb asked if there were cameras inside the store. Mr. Parek confirmed that there were cameras. Captain Gatcomb asked if all employees have DVR access and Mr. Parek said they did.

Chairman Conway asked if there was anyone present in favor of the application with no response.

Chairman Conway asked if there was anyone present in opposition of the application with no response.

Motion by Lee Kinnon to accept the change of manager and change of beneficial interest. Seconded by Andrew Zeiberg.

Motion passed.

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Motion by Lee Kinnon to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned and concluded at 7:10 p.m. Next meeting will March 20, 2018. Please note change of location for all future meetings will be Malden Police Station, Community/Conference Room, 800 Eastern Avenue, Malden.

Submitted by:

Diane M. Anthony, Clerk  
Malden Licensing Board  
Minutes Approved by:

  


