



*Licensing Board*  
**TOWN OF WATERTOWN**  
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Minutes May 16, 2019

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: March 21, 2019 & April 19, 2019

SPECIAL LICENSES:

1. Special Licenses:

- Sons of Italy 520 Pleasant Street                      Approved 3-0  
**Bike Run/Fundraiser June 2, 2019**

Jim DiStefano appeared in support of the application. He stated that this is the 6<sup>th</sup> year of the Boston/Watertown Strong bike (motorcycle) event, and that he had spoken to the police departments of the other towns through which the bikers will ride. A post-event reception at the Sons of Italy lodge after the ride will take place indoors. The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Public Works and Health Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Public Works, and Health Departments.

- Eritrean Cultural & Development/ACEC                      Approved 3-0  
**One Day All Alcohol/Independence Day Celebration May 18, 2019**

Amanuel Estifanos and Habtom Hadgu, a director of the Eritrean Cultural & Development Center of Boston, appeared in support of the application. The gentlemen explained that tickets for the event will be sold at the door and that advance invitations have been issued. Presentation of identification will be required for service of alcohol, and the remaining product will be picked up from the site after the event. The Licensing Board requested copies of the crowd manager certificates for the persons who would serve as crowd managers for the event. The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Building, Fire, and Health Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Building, Fire, and Health Departments.

- Eritrean Cultural & Development/ACEC Approved 3-0  
**One Day All Alcohol/Graduation June 29, 2019**

Amanuel Estifanos and Habtom Hadgu, a director of the Eritrean Cultural & Development Center of Boston, appeared in support of the application. Mr. Hadgu stated that the purpose of the event is to gather all graduates for the year at a single place. Presentation of identification will be required for service of alcohol. In addition, the organization uses a task force and greeters to monitor the hall to help ensure proper service. Mr. Estifanos stated that food for the event would be pot luck. The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Building, Fire, and Health Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Building, Fire, and Health Departments.

- Beaverbrook Step Inc./Hellenic Cultural Center 25 Bigelow Ave Approved 3-0  
**One day All Alcohol License/Annual Meeting June 5, 2019**

Irene Cobb appeared in support of the application. This will be the annual meeting for Beaverbrook STEP, Inc. Ms. Cobb stated that she and George Faggas, of the Hellenic Center, would serve as bartenders for the event, and that they both have crowd manager certification. The event will be catered by Maria's Catering. The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Building, Fire, and Health Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Building, Fire, and Health Departments.

- Parish Council Executive Board/ Hellenic Cultural Center 25 Bigelow Ave  
**One day All Alcohol License/ Tibetan Cultural Dance event July 6, 2019**  
Approved 3-0

Irene Cobb appeared in support of the application. She explained that this will be an all-day event with families and pot luck food offerings. Alcohol will be served at dinner time. The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Building, Fire, and Health Departments, and voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Building, Fire, and Health Departments.

- Taxiarche Archangels Greek Orthodox Church 103 Bigelow Ave Approved 3-0  
**One day All Alcohol License, Entertainment License, /Annual Greek Festival  
June 21,22,23<sup>rd</sup>**

Irene Cobb appeared in support of the application. She explained that the requested licenses are for the three days of the church's annual festival, which will take place Friday to Sunday. Outside, there will be food, pastry, coffee, and bar service, as well as entertainment, with chairs and tables provided. Entertainment will include a band and disc jockey. For both the alcohol and entertainment licenses the Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the licenses requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board acknowledged receipt of reports from the Building, Fire and Health Departments, and voted to grant the licenses, subject to the conditions requested by the Police, Building, Fire, and Health Departments. Alcohol service hours will be 5:00pm to 11:00pm Friday, noon to 11:00pm Saturday, and noon to 9:00pm Sunday. The band hours will be 7:00pm to 11:00pm Friday, 5:00pm to 11:00pm Saturday, and 5:00pm to 9:00pm Sunday. Disc jockey music will be offered at other times.

- Watertown Farmers Market Approved 3-0  
**Entertainment License/June 12, 2019 through October 9, 2019**

Stephanie Venizelos, manager for the market, appeared in support of the application. The proposed entertainment is musicians, mostly folk and acoustic. The market has a new location this year, Saltonstall Park. Ms. Venizelos submitted an annotated aerial photograph of the site, showing the location of the stage for the musicians. The Police Department reported that it had no objection to the granting of the license requested, subject to the conditions in the department's written report. The Board acknowledged receipt of a report from the Health Department, stating it had no objection to granting the license. The Board voted to grant the license, subject to the conditions requested by the Police Department.

2. Hadi Coach Approved 3-0  
153 Pleasant Street  
**Livery Limousine License**
3. Maslow Restaurant Concepts, Inc. d/b/a Strip T's Restaurant  
93-95 School Street Continued to June 20, 2019  
**Status Hearing**
4. McCue's Taxi, Watertown Yellow Cab, Inc.  
9 Main Street, Watertown Continued to June 20, 2019  
**Status Hearing**

- Spring Renewals

- 3** Second-Hand Dealer License expires 6/1 Approved 3-0
- 49** Auto Repair License expires 6/1 Approved 3-0
- 10** Open-Air Parking Space License expires 5/31 Approved 3-0
- 2** Letting out of Motor Vehicles License expires 6/1 Approved 3-0

Start: 7:25PM  
End: 9:15PM

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Donna B. Doucette, Chairman

Present: Donna B. Doucette, Sandra Kasabian Hoffman, Steven W. Aylward

Hassan Farhat  
d/b/a Hadi Coach  
153 Pleasant Street  
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board met to consider the application of Hassan Farhat d/b/a Hadi Coach for a livery license to be exercised from 153 Pleasant Street.

Mr. Farhat appeared in support of the application. Mr. Farhat stated that he has been driving for a livery business since 2007. He will be using a Lincoln MKS sedan for his livery operation. He added that the driveway at his property is large enough to accommodate about 10 cars.

Lt. O'Connor stated that the Police Department had no objection to the granting of the requested license, provided that the conditions stated below were imposed

The Licensing Board voted unanimously to grant the requested license, subject to the following conditions:

1. The license shall be limited to prearranged transportation of persons rather than on the street pick-up of persons.
2. The licensee shall maintain a current motor vehicle driving record of all employees who have been hired as a driver of any motor vehicle to be used in conjunction with the license.
3. If any driver for the licensee receives more than three moving violations or is involved in more than one surchargeable accident in a 12-month period, he/she shall be required, within 90 days of exceeding those limits, to attend a defensive driving training course.
4. The licensee shall keep all records on file and they shall be made available for review by any agent of the Licensing Board.
5. The one vehicle to be utilized in connection with the license shall be parked at 153 Pleasant Street, as shown on the photograph of the property submitted at the hearing.

Maslow Restaurant Concepts, Inc.  
d/b/a Strip T's Restaurant  
93-95 School Street  
Watertown, MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board has continued its hearing on the status of the All Alcohol Common Victualer License previously exercised by Maslow Restaurant Concepts, Inc. d/b/a Strip T's Restaurant at 93-95 School Street. Pursuant to the terms of the Board's renewal of the license for 2019, an initial status hearing was held on February 21, 2019, and continued hearings were held on March 21 and May 16. On May 16, Mr. Paul Maslow, president, appeared and stated that he had received a purchase and sale agreement from Pepe's Pizza, and that the documents were with the parties' attorneys. He explained that there were a few elements to be concluded, and that Pepe's had signed a lease for a location at the Arsenal Yards development site.

The continued hearing on this application will be held on June 20, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. in the Philip Pane Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA. If an application for transfer of the license has been submitted to the Licensing Board prior to that date, Mr. Maslow will not be required to appear at the hearing.

McCue's Taxi, Watertown Yellow Cab, Inc.  
9 Main Street  
Watertown MA 02472

The Watertown Licensing Board has continued its hearing on the status of the hackney carriage license held by McCue's Taxi, Watertown Yellow Cab, Inc. for exercise from 7 (9) Main Street, and the cessation of business by McCue's Taxi, Watertown Yellow Cab.

The hearing was opened on March 21, 2019 and continued to May 16, 2019. On that date, the Licensing Board acknowledged receipt of a May 15, 2019 e-mail from Mr. Sean McCue, president, stating that he was unable to attend the May 16 hearing session and requesting a continuance to June 20.

Lt. O'Connor reported that the taxi medallions issued for the business and which had been in the possession of McCue's Taxi had been returned to the Police Department, as directed by the Board at the March 21 hearing session.

The continued hearing on this matter will be held on June 20, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. in the Philip Pane Hearing Room, Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA.