

PEABODY LICENSING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 28, 2022

In accordance with Section 20 (a), (b), and (c) of the Acts of 2021 signed into law by Governor Baker on June 16, 2021, suspending certain provision of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, the Monday, March 14, 2022 meeting of the Peabody Licensing Board was commenced at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom Webinar and was conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible.

The Clerk/Recording Secretary was responsible for moderating the meeting via Zoom webinar.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Fred Murtagh.

Present via Zoom Webinar were: Chairman Fred Murtagh, Board Members Barry Sinewitz and Jim Liacos, and Clerk/Recording Secretary Darryl Ann McCarthy.

One Day License Requests

Erin McCabe of North Shore Bartending Services, Inc. appeared via Zoom webinar with regard to their application for a special one-day liquor license for an St. Mary’s Grammar School Auction to be held at Bishop Fenwick High School, 99 Margin street, Peabody on Saturday, April 30, 2022, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

MOTION: made by Barry Sinewitz to approve the one-day license request submitted by North Shore Bartending Services, Inc. for an event on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Bishop Fenwick High School; said motion was seconded by Jim Liacos.

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	Barry Sinewitz:	Yes
	Jim Liacos:	Yes
	Fred Murtagh:	Yes

New Business

Michael J. Bonfanti appeared via Zoom webinar as President of the Peabody Historical Society with regard to their 2022 Seasonal Liquor License Renewal. All paperwork has been submitted in good order for their 2022 renewal.

MOTION: made by Barry Sinewitz to approve the 2022 Seasonal Liquor License renewal for the Peabody Historical Society; said motion was seconded by Jim Liacos

Roll Call Vote: Barry Sinewitz: Yes
 Jim Liacos: Yes
 Fred Murtagh: Yes

PUBLIC HEARINGS

At 6:45 p.m., the public hearing was commenced on the Application for Transfer of All Alcoholic s. 12 Restaurant license from Gjorga, Inc. d/b/a Trackside Bar and Grill to AM & C Romani, Inc. d/b/a Trackside Bar and grill at 30 Warren Street. The Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing into the record, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Attorney Chad Colarusso appeared via Zoom webinar on behalf of the applicant AM & C. Romano, Inc. and Armindo Romano, the proposed new manager, also appeared via Zoom webinar. Mr. Romano advised the Board that he has been involved with the Trackside Restaurant having worked there for many years as a chef. His family plans to take over and run the restaurant now. He will be in charge of the kitchen, etc. and his daughter, Monica, will take care of the front of the house. They have experience in the industry and have been helping to operate the Trackside for many years now.

Barry Sinewitz asked about the purchase price of \$100.

Attorney Colarusso advised that is the agreement that they came to with the landlord. They have had a long-standing relationship and the landlord is comfortable with them running the establishment. There will be no alterations to the premises. AM & C. Romano, Inc. will be the actual entity of record. Mr. Romano will be the chef as he has been for a number of years. He was glad that he had the opportunity to purchase this license.

The Board reviewed the application and all supporting documentation.

MOTION: made by Jim Liacos to approve the transfer of all alcoholic s. 12 restaurant license No. 03960-RS-0956 from Gjorga, Inc. d/b/a Trackside Bar and Grill to AM & C. Romano, Inc. d/b/a Trackside Bar and Grill, located at 30 Warren Street and to approve Armindo Romano as the manager of record; said motion was seconded by Barry Sinewitz

Roll Call Vote: Barry Sinewitz: Yes
 Jim Liacos: Yes
 Fred Murtagh: Yes

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: made by Barry Sinewitz to receive the police report provided by Sgt. David Bonfanti and to ask him to attend the Licensing Board’s next meeting to report on same; said motion was seconded by Jim Liacos.

Roll Call Vote: Barry Sinewitz: Yes
Jim Liacos: Yes
Fred Murtagh: Yes

OLD BUSINESS

The application of Gyro City Peabody for a new all alcohol restaurant license was returned by the ABCC with no action taken. The applicant provided additional information as requested by the ABCC. The Board reviewed the supplemental information and asked that the applicant come before the Board for this meeting.

The Board asked for clarification of some of the supplemental information that was provided. Angie Guaraccino, representing the applicant, explained the background information that was provided, including 3 months of bank statements. Penny Christopher advised that they are taking money from Panagiota and using it to help get Gyro City Peabody underway. The Board advised that it should be clear where the money is coming from.

MOTION: made by Jim Liacos to approve and send the LLA Certification for reconsideration to the ABCC for final approval of the Gyro City Peabody application for a new all alcohol restaurant license; said motion was seconded by Barry Sinewitz.

Roll Call Vote: Barry Sinewitz: Yes
Jim Liacos: Yes
Fred Murtagh: Yes

The next meeting of the Licensing Board will take place on Monday, April 11, 2022.

There being no further business before the Board,

MOTION: to adjourn made by Jim Liacos; seconded by Barry Sinewitz.

Whereby, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darryl Ann McCarthy

Darryl Ann McCarthy, Clerk/Recording Secretary

DATED: April 11, 2022