



NORTHAMPTON LICENSE COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 3, 2021
Virtual Meeting
4:00 p.m.

The February 4, 2021, License Commission meeting was held via remote participation.

Join Virtual Meeting

- Video Conference: <https://zoom.us/j/95587559414?pwd=dkdWRnJ1d2o1WXJCc0VzZER6YXdnUT09>

OR

- Telephone, call: +1-929-436-2866, Meeting ID: 955 8755 9414, Password: 653241

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 4:02 p.m. by Commissioner Campedelli
ROLL CALL - Commissioners Campedelli, Yakovlev and Kahn were all present
ANNOUNCEMENT OF ZOOM RECORDING made by Commissioner Campedelli
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
3. **APPLICATION FOR A NEW COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE**
GZ Bagel, Inc. d/b/a Tandem Bagel Co.
1 North Main St., Florence

Christopher Zawacki was present for this application and noted that he is opening a new location in Florence at 1 N. Main St. Christopher stated he will be doing some upgrades in the middle of March which will include opening up the back room to move the wall out to make the kitchen bigger for additional prep space.

Commissioner Kahn moved approval of the application for a new common victualler license for GZ Bagel, Inc. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed unanimously 3-0 by a roll call vote.

4. **DRAW A LOTTERY WINNER FOR THE SPECIAL ACT LIQUOR LICENSE PREVIOUSLY HELD BY OBCT, INC. D/B/A SIERRA GRILLE (Chapter 109 Acts of 2016)**

Letters of Intent:

- Highbrow, Inc. d/b/a Highbrow Wood Fired Kitchen + Bar
- Azad Bharat, Inc. d/b/a India House
- Paul & Elizabeth's, Inc.
- U.N.I., Inc. d/b/a Moshi Moshi
- MP Majestic Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Majestic Saloon
- Belly of the Beast, Inc.
- Lanran, LLC d/b/a The Dirty Truth

For the record, the clerk confirmed that all the above applicants have submitted a letter of intent and meet all of the requirements set forth by the License Commission in order to be considered for the lottery.

The clerk displayed a bingo spinner (on loan from the City Clerk's office) that will be used to select a lottery winner. The clerk showed each individual card with the applicant's name on it, folded it, and placed it in the spinner. After all of the applicant's names were placed inside the spinner, the clerk secured the door, spun the wheel and a winner was selected at random. Azad Bharat, Inc. d/b/a India House of 45 State Street was the liquor license lottery winner.

The clerk noted she would reach out to Amit Kanoujia of India House the following day to discuss next steps.

5. CLERK'S UPDATE

- Update on 2021 License Renewals

The clerk noted there are a few Common Victualler licenses and a few Lodging House licenses that haven't renewed yet. The clerk also noted that Taipei & Tokyo did not renew its wine and malt liquor license because they couldn't pay the renewal fee.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 4, 2020

Commissioner Kahn moved to approve the November 4, 2020, minutes as written. Commissioner Yakovlev seconded. The motion passed 2-1-0 by a roll call vote with Commissioner Campedelli abstaining.

- December 2, 2020

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to approve the December 2, 2020, minutes as written. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion passed 2-1-0 by a roll call vote with Commissioner Campedelli abstaining.

7. NEW BUSINESS - None

8. ADJOURN

Commissioner Yakovlev moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:17 p.m. Commissioner Kahn seconded. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously 3-0.