

LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING
August 31, 2020, 2:00p.m.
Via Zoom Webinar

Present: Councilor Tom O'Connor, Councilor Pat Henry, Council Kathleen Hill, Aldo Fazio

Chair Hill opening the meeting at 2:05pm.

Approval of July 20,2020 minutes

Motion: Councilor Henry made a motion to accept the Town Council Licensing Committee minutes of July 20, 2020. Council O'Connor seconded and a roll call vote was taken. Councilor O'Connor-yes, Councilor Henry-yes, Aldo Fazio yes, Councilor Hill-yes.

Councilor Hill informed the committee of a licensing matter that first came before the Town Council on August 11, 2020. An applicant, CPM Liquors, Inc, dba Heritage Plaza Liquors, has petitioned for a transfer of license, pledge of license, and change of location from the Beer Shop at 33 Harkness Avenue to 406-436 North Main Street (previously occupied by Olympia Sports). After some discussion, the Council voted to continue the public hearing until September 8, 2020 and has asked that the Licensing Committee review the known information and make a recommendation to the Council.

Councilor Hill indicated that the nature of the Council's discussion centered around was the application a transfer or was it more of a new application? Councilor O'Connor noted that only 4 months remain before all license holders are required to submit their annual application for 2021 license renewal. He felt that if approved, the applicant would still be required to submit for renewal and be considered along with all other applicants. Councilor Henry felt the applicant's request should be granted as it complied with all MGL/ABCC conditions, the nature of the business was the same, and the Town should be an advocate for small business owners. Councilor Hill stated that the owners would be different, the name of the business would change, and the location of the business would change as well. The only item that would remain the same was the type of business (package store/all alcoholic beverages). Mr. Fazio indicated that though some items in the application would change, the fact that the nature of the business would remain constant and that the new renewal application cycle was just a few months away, should support honoring a transfer of the license.

Motion: Councilor Henry moved that the Licensing Committee recommend to the Town Council that the transfer of the license from the Beer Shop to Heritage Plaza Liquors, Inc, be approved as a single transfer. Mr. Fazio seconded, and a roll call vote was taken. Councilor O'Connor-yes, Councilor Henry-yes, Councilor Hill-yes, and Mr. Fazio-yes.

Motion: Councilor Henry moved for Adjournment. Mr. Fazio seconded, and a roll call vote was taken. Councilor O'Connor-yes, Councilor Hill-yes, Councilor Henry-yes, and Mr. Fazio-yes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Hill,
Councilor