## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

# LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION

## **MINUTES**

MEETING PLACE: Commission Meeting Room – Conference Room 9-B

MEETING DATE: March 26, 2019 8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Scribner, Commissioner, Liquor Control Commission

STAFF PRESENT: John Suchy, Director, Liquor Control

Caitlin Anderson, Staff Attorney and Designated Signatory Richard Mindek, Licensing and Applications Analyst

Mary Riddick, Secretary 2

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Commission approves the minutes of March 21, 2019.

#### PROVISIONALS:

- 1. **BEADINI, BASIT LRW.5489** Two Brothers Pizza Restaurant, Bristol, CT No action taken. File assigned to agent. Question as to whether there is adequate square footage of dining area.
- 2. **HARDISTY, MATTHEW D. LCA.8123** The Harp, Willimantic, CT No action taken. File assigned to agent. If business is still serving alcoholic liquor, then either renew for 6 months or request cancelation of permit.

- 3. **RAGAINI, RAYMOND P. LCA.8132** Infinity Hall Hartford, Hartford, CT The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of cancelled permit # LIR.19099, bill of sale, seller's affidavit and executed copy of lease or right to occupy. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit. Endorse additional consumer bar (1) and patio.
- 4. **DOWD, THOMAS J., III LCA.8138**The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of cancelled permit # LCA. 8010, bill of sale, seller's affidavit and executed copy of lease or right to occupy. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit. Endorse patio.
- 5. **PATEL, RUPA D LIP.15697** United Wine & Liquor, Derby, CT No action taken. Assigned to agent. Agent to investigate whether any member of backer entity has any other ownership interest in any liquor business, including but not limited to LIH.1894.
- 6. **ROBIDEAU, BRENDA LIP.15708** Dragonfly Wine & Spirits, Wallingford, CT The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of \$500.00 fee, cancelation of permit # LIP.14089 and bill of sale. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit.
- 7. **HABEGGER, JACOB T. LIR.20095** Tandoori Flames, New Milford, CT The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of \$500.00 fee, cancelation of permit # LIR.19956, bill of sale, seller's affidavit and executed copy of lease or right to occupy. Additional requirements: Menu for the new restaurant. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit.
- 8. **RAGAINI, RAYMOND P. LIR.20111** Infinity Hall Norfolk, Norfolk, CT The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of cancelled permit # LIR.17896, bill of sale, seller's affidavit and copy of executed warranty deed for the landlord entity. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit. Endorse additional consumer bar (2) and patio.
- 9. **MOYA, JOSE C. LIR.20118** La Patrona Café Bar, Bridgeport, CT The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of executed copy of lease or right to occupy, 8x10 photo of the exterior of the premises taken from a position directly across the street or highway showing the trade name sign and 8x10 photos of the completed and fully furnished interior. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit.

## 10. **SJOGREN, JAN A.- LIR.20124**

The Barn, Morris, CT

The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of 8x10 photo of the exterior of the premises taken from a position directly across the street or highway showing the trade name sign and 8x10 photos of the completed and fully furnished interior. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit. Endorse service bar only and patio.

#### 11. RUSSO, FRANK – LIR.20125

Westside Deli, II, Bethel, CT

No action taken. Assigned to agent. Question as to whether this qualifies as a restaurant i.e., menu shows a lack of hot meals.

#### 12. **BAHI, NABIL B. – LIR.20126**

Meatball's Ristorante & Pizzeria, New London, CT

The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit. No requirements. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit.

## 13. SYLVIA, JESSICA – LIR.20128

American Café, Plainfield, CT

No action taken. Assigned to agent. Inquire as to current ownership and past relationship with prior permittee and business. Follow up also on criminal conviction of applicant.

#### FINALS:

14. **WILLIAMS, FLETCHER – LCT.618** Omni New Haven Hotel, New Haven, CT The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit upon receipt of permit # LCT.88 cancelation. The Commission reviews case 2018-793 and takes no further action.

# 15. ECK, DAVID A. – LCT.648

Dog Watch BBQ, Stonington, CT

The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit. No requirements.

- 16. **AUCLAIR, JOHN W. LCT.651** Norbrook Farm Brewery, Colebrook, CT The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit. No requirements.
- 17. **RICCA, ALLEN T. LCL.662** VOP Wine Holdings CT LLC, Suffield, CT The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit. No requirements.
- 18. **ENRIQUEZ, JUAN LSB.1025** Farmer Willie's Inc., Charlestown, MA The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit. No requirements.

- 19. **BIBLIOWICZ, NATAN LSW.1369** QTR LLC, Saint Helena, CA The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit. No requirements.
- 20. **CORVALAN, BRUNO LSL.1837** Go Wine LLC, Miami, FL The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit. No requirements.
- 21. ALMONTE, SCARLETT A LCA.8115

Fritos Restaurant and Lounge, Waterbury, CT No action taken. Assigned to Hearing 30-6-A1; 30-77.

#### OTHER:

- 22. **MULLEN, SHEILA M. LMB.1543** Fat Orange Cat Brew Co., Eat Hampton, CT The Commission approves Sheila M. Mullen acquiring 100% ownership interest.
- 23. **PROANO, MIGUEL A. LRW.5485.P** Pastrami on Wry, Manchester, CT The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit.
- 24. **RANCOURT, ARTHUR F. LCA.5708** Pappy's Café, East Hartford, CT The Commission approves the request of patio for June 22, 2019 and June 29, 2019.
- 25. **ZAMAN, TAHIR LGB.15392.P-CW** Krauszer's, Bridgeport, CT The Commission approves the request to extend provisional permit.
- 26. **BONILLA-CALDERON, CHRISTIAN E. LIR.20062.P-CW**Ceviche Palace, Bridgeport, CT

  The Commission approves the request to extend provisional permit.
- 27. **ZHANG, MEI Q. LIR.20021.P-CW** Thai Riverside, Chester, CT The Commission approves the request to extend provisional permit.

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28. **LEVIN, GREGORY S. – LIR.20114** BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, Manchester, CT The Commission reviews March 15, 2019 letter from Attorney Pease requesting a waiver of the effective separation requirement. Commission finds that the proposed floor plan is consistent with the current nationwide brand model for all BJ's restaurants and provides a better patron flow, no live entertainment on premises, bar area is not considered a focal point of the restaurant operations, and is consistent with department guidance statement. Commission endorses the waiver of the effective separation requirement.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Suchy, Director, Liquor Control Division mer