

**LICENSING BOARD MEETING****-LATE FILE FINAL AGENDA-****Monday, December 17, 2018****Room 314 – 7:00 p.m.****REQUIRED: Steven A. Beauregard, Chairman****Marcelino “Sonny” G. Almeida, Commissioner****Edmund F. Craig, Jr., Commissioner****Atty. Kreg Espinola, Asst. City Solicitor****Capt. Adelino Sousa, Police Department Liaison to the Lic. Bd.****Nick Nanopoulos, Director****Tabled at 11/19/18 Meeting****18. Hearing: Franklin Hospitality Corporation****Mr. Richard L. Lafrance, President****24 Union Street****Approved 08/09/17 – Renovations****Prior Renewal Hearings: (3)**

Your presence is respectfully requested at a hearing at the request of the members of this Board to discuss your plans for your liquor license for the year 2018 prior to this Board considering approval of your 2019 renewal application.

Notice is given in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 138, section 77, which states that the licensing authorities may, after hearing or reasonable opportunity therefore, cancel any license issued under this chapter if the licensee ceases to conduct the licensed business.

If warranted, the Board may cancel the license of any license holder who “ceases to conduct the licensed business” that is, *any license holder who closes the business or stops doing business*. Licensees should be conducting the licensed business on all days authorized by the license. Any licensee that does not comply with its obligation to conduct the licensed business and holds a so-called “pocket License” is subject to possible action by the Board.

***You must submit to the Board that evening, a letter stating your intentions regarding the license that has been issued to you detailing either an opening date, plans to transfer, or change of location, as it applies to your situation.***

**Minutes of 07/23/18 Meeting**

As a result of the open hearing held on July 23, 2018 to determine the status of your annual liquor license for the year 2018, the

**Board voted unanimously to table the matter until this Board’s November 19, 2018 meeting..**

If an application to alter the premises is submitted by November 1, 2018, you will not be required to appear as notified.

**Present: Richard LaFrance, Owner**

Responding to questions from Chairman Beauregard, Mr. Lafrance stated, we’re still in the planning stages with respect to the best use of the premises and the license; and we’ve been meeting with restaurant planners, engineers, and architects, to determine which restaurant styles and floor plans are most suitable to the building and location.

Mr. Lafrance also stated that this process was delayed due to recent acquisition of the Waterfront Grill and the possible acquisition of the Beckman Building.

**Please Be Advised that failure to appear before this Board as requested will result in “Automatic Revocation” of your Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License.**

**Minutes of 11/19/18 Meeting****Present: Jeffrey P. Pinault, Representing Mr. LaFrance**

Mr. Pinault submitted a letter to the Board prepared by Atty. Tierney on behalf of Franklin Hospitality Corp., which was received and placed on file; in which she asked that the Board allow the Company additional time (Until the spring of 2020) to solidify its plans for the license at 24 Union Street; adding that the Company’s agents are in continued negotiations and discussions with various parties, including W.H.A.L.E. and Mass Development, regarding the mixed-use project proposed for the premises and the Adjacent “Beckman Building”. The Company anticipates that the process will take another year or more before concrete plans for renovations and constructions can be realized.

Responding to questions from Chairman Beauregard, Mr. Pinault so stated that they have a verbal agreement for the possible acquisition of the Beckman Building; and that it was their intention to be able to save and preserve at least the granite structure and incorporate that with the old National Club, to be used in a mixed used project that would include residential units, retail space, and a fine dining style restaurant.

When asked by Chairman Beauregard as to when he thought the project would be completed, Mr. Pinault stated, assuming we

can acquire the building in the next 30-90 days, as well as finalizing something with W.H.A.L.E. and Mass Development, realistically, it's probably at least a year away before we can get some concrete plans in place.

When asked by Chairman Beauregard, so it's not your intention to do anything with the National Club space to re-open tentatively and get the license in use?; to which Mr. Pinault responded, "No...No".

When asked by Chairman Beauregard if Mr. Lafrance would entertain selling the license and then re-buying a license when the project is coming into fruition, to which Mr. Pinault responded, that's potentially a possibility but I obviously can't speak for Mr. LaFrance if that's something he would consider.

Chairman Beauregard voiced his concern that the license would not be used for possibly two years.

Chairman Beauregard suggested that he go back and have that conversation with Mr. Lafrance and come in December to discuss this matter further, to which Mr. Pinault agreed to do.

The Board **voted unanimously to table the matter until this Board's December 17, 2018 meeting.**