



Minutes

of The Provincetown Licensing Board Public Meeting on **Tuesday, September 27, 2011** at 5:15 p.m. in the Judge Welsh Meeting Room, Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street.

Present: Kristin C. Hatch, AJ Petras, Rebecca Matarazzi, Scott Chovanec, Michael Senger (excused absence), George Young (absent)

Public Hearings

Motion to take agenda out of order to see if applicant arrives by AJ Petras. Seconded by Rebecca Matarazzi. Approved 3-0.

Public Statements

None

Renewal License

Taxi Operator

1. Morgan Wheeler

Motion to renew by AJ Petras. Seconded by Rebecca M. 3-0.

2. Domingos Goncalves

Motion to renew by Rebecca M. Seconded by AJ Petras. 3-0.

Transient Vendor

1. Mark Ferrari d.b.a. *Item*, 205-209 Commercial St., Provincetown, MA.

Motion to renew by AJ Petras. Seconded by Rebecca. 3-0.

Public Hearings

Show Cause Hearing – continued from September 13, 2011 meeting

1. Public hearing to consider whether to suspend, revoke, or put conditions on the Taxi Operator's License of John Patrick Love at a show-cause hearing to determine if he is in violation of Licensing Board Rules & Regulations Section 8.01(a): engaging in the business of transporting person for hire in a vehicle without first having obtained a license from the Provincetown Licensing Board authorizing you to engage in such business and Section 8.01(b): taxicab/livery vehicle operating without a valid taxicab/livery vehicle license and without a current taxicab/livery registration from the Department of Motor Vehicles in place.

Notice read into minutes. Staff states that Mr. Love previously drove for Mercedes Cab Co. Staff has received a few letters of complaint regarding the possibility of Mr. Love operating a vehicle for hire service without having a license to do so. Mr. Love admits that he was receiving money for rides, but states that he is no longer doing that – he is offering free rides and if people want to give him a tip, they may. Kristin Hatch states that the concern is public safety because his vehicle insurance does not cover transporting passengers. Mr. Love states that he is willing to surrender his taxi license – he does not want to cause any problems and is not operating as a taxi driver. He offers rides to people in need and is “spreading the word of the lord.” Ms. Hatch explains that he may, at any time, apply for a taxi/livery license if he so desires. AJ Petras voices concerns regarding liability - even if he is not charging money for a ride. He suggests getting involved with an organization that has some coverage that he could drive for (such as a church or another non-profit organization). Ms. Hatch advises Mr. Love to call his insurance company to find out what the cost is for liability. Mr. Love surrenders his taxi operator’s license to staff.

Motion to close the hearing by AJ Petras. Seconded by Rebecca Matarazzi. Approved 3-0.

Correspondence - None

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Motion to approve by AJ Petras. Seconded by Rebecca Matarazzi. Approved 3-0.

Enforcement - None

Code Compliance – Incident reports – all bar checks. No licensing issues. Kristin Hatch discusses conversation regarding with Julie Knapp of Twist’d Sister –suspended her employee who was responsible for serving under age. Hearing October 4th.

Old business – Kristin discusses meeting with Health Inspector, Assist. Town Manager, BOH Chair, DPW employee regarding grease trap pumping. Additional research being done by Health inspector and licensing agent regarding waivers for reducing pumping.

Licensing Agent Statements – Michael Senger will be out for the next two meetings.

Motion to adjourn by AJ. Seconded by Rebecca. 3-0. 5:50 PM