Norwell Board of Selectmen Public Hearing Quik Pik, 690 Main Street Retail Package Wine & Malt License March 27, 2013

8:00 PM - Public Hearing - Retail Package Wine & Malt License, Quik Pik, 690 Main St.

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board Open the Public Hearing for Quik Pik, 690 Main Street for a retail package wine and malt license. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

David DeCoste read the Legal Notice posted in the Ledger on March 11, 2013 into the Minutes.

Present: Attorney Walter Sullivan representing Keyur Corporation. Also present is Nitin Patel an Officer and principal shareholder of Keyur Corporation and proposed manager Sulochanaben Patel.

- Mr. Patel has operated Quik Pik since 1999 offering groceries, milk, candy, eggs, bread.
- Current hours of operation are Monday–Saturday 6:30 AM to 10:30 PM and Sundays 6:30 AM to 9:30 PM.
- With a growing trend and to supplement to customers Mr. Patel is proposing to serve a small selection of Beer and Wine in order to compete.
- There is an available license in Norwell
- Recognizes that 2 Norwell Center business currently have all alcohol licenses but is seeking beer and wine similar to Norwell Sunoco
- Mr. Patel has a list of customers supporting the need and a business owner across street stating that the consumers would benefit from competition.
- Mr. Patel is TIPS certified and the Police Chief wants all employees to be TIPS trained/certified.

Gregg McBride would like more details on the lay out of the store and show where the coolers will be located and storage of beer & wine. Ellen Allen explained that the license for Sunoco was approved with very specific details on where beer & wine would be located. Question asked of Mr. Patel if he was using existing coolers or adding new ones and he explained that existing coolers will be used. Mr. Patel approached Selectmen to explain the layout of store and where beer & wine will be located. Question asked if beer & wine will be located on any end caps and Mr. Patel stated it will all be in coolers. Mr. Patel then sketched a layout of store and labeled items. Ellen inquired about the insurance certification and Jim explained that is provided once the license is approved.

Gregg McBride addressed audience for comments:

Bill Shields, owner of Shields General Store in Norwell Center spoke to the fact that between his store and Bo-Tess they carry beer & wine are all with approx. 150 yards and feels there is no need to grant this license.

Mr. Sullivan believes that the competition benefits the citizens in Norwell and there is a need, Mr. Patel sells groceries just like Shields General Store.

Jeff Helm a Business Owner in Norwell Center disclosed that he provides the insurance and then spoke in favor of granting license to Quik Pik and Small Business Owners should be provided every opportunity to compete.

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved that the Board approved the Retail Package Wine & Malt License, Quik Pik, located at 690 Main St. that would permit sale of wine and malt in a 6 door cooler to be more specifically diagramed of the facility and approved by the Town Administrator, all subject to all employees being TIPPS Certified before license becomes effective and all the licensing requirements are met. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

MOTION: Ellen Allen moved to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by David DeCoste and unanimously voted.

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