## **MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2012**

PRESENT: Gregory M. Hanley (Chairman), Lewis W. Stone (Vice Chairman), Willard J. Boulter, Jr. (Clerk), Arthur P. Boyle, Jr. (Selectman), Eric Brainsky, John Ferreira, Lisa Cullity (Health Agent), Louise Stone, Sabrina Chilcott (Executive Assistant)

## **REPUBLIC LEASING TRUST, LLC D/B/A TURNER'S YARD: CVAA APPLICATION** CONSIDER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Mr. Eric Brainsky, 100 North Main Street in Providence, RI, was present before the Board as attorney representing the applicants in regards to the filing of the application for the CVAA license at 615 Washington Street. Also present was Mr. John Ferreira, owner and partner of Republic Leasing Trust, LLC from Rehoboth. The ABCC has granted this CVAA License application with new, dual conditions and has requested that the Pembroke Board of Selectmen as the local licensing authority review supplemental information pertaining to the license application. Mr. Brainsky updated the Board on the two conditions imposed by the ABCC on the license application approval, the first being that Republic receive sign offs from the DUA and the DOR and they have received them. The second condition concerns Brimstone Taverns placement on the delinquent creditors list; the ABCC's position is that Republic Leasing Trust will be doing business at the same location and the debt should carry over to the new owners despite the fact that there is no business relationship whatsoever between the two entities and the property was purchased at foreclosure. The ABCC stated that Republic must work with the creditors to see the debts resolved or written off but the condition has been imposed. Mr. Brainsky stated that the matter before the BOS today is supplemental information previously not submitted to the BOS: disclosure of current and former ownership interests in any liquor licenses they've ever had by all parties, and disclosure of any and all disciplinary actions involving revocations, suspensions or cancellations of licenses. Mr. Gateman, Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Ferreira submitted affidavits to the ABCC fully disclosing all interests past and present and they were accepted pending local licensing authority approval. Mr. Brainsky stated that Mr. Gateman and Mr. O'Donnell were present at an ABCC hearing to explain the failure to disclose any and all disciplinary actions involving revocations, suspensions or cancellations of licenses and satisfied the ABCC that this was a clerical error where they improperly completed the forms but need to present this supplemental material to the BOS for review. Discussion ensued on Mr. O'Donnell's Felt association where, in 2000, an LLC was transferred to an S corp and paperwork was not properly filed for a license change; an error over time resulted and after Mr. O'Donnell had sold his interest, in an indefinite suspension was levied when the issue arose on a license transfer. Discussion ensued on Mr. Gateman's many business enterprises and his management teams in place; he is a seventythree year old investor and not involved in day to day operations. Mr. Gateman concedes an error in the paperwork. Mr. Brainsky clarified that with the many various business enterprises, the issues in questions are between 2001-2008. Mr. Brainsky stated that Turner's Yard has seven partners highly vested in a positive outcome. Mr. Hanley requested clarification of the team in place in Pembroke. Mr. Ferreira stated that Mr. O'Donnell is the bar manager and managing partner. Colleen Haggerty is the restaurant manager currently but once the restaurant is open, Yasmin will be the on site manager. Mr. Boulter and Mr. Stone requested clarification of Patrick Doyle's role; Mr. Ferreira stated he works setting up, not front of house interacting with patrons. Mr. Boyle suggested granting approval with review in January as a review period. Mr. Hanley agreed and requested that the affidavits previously submitted in handwritten form be typed and submitted for the file. Additionally, any violations or disciplinary matters will be viewed strictly and Turner's Yard's record will be reviewed in January. Mr. Stone and Mr. Boulter concurred. Mr. Boyle moved to grant the CVAA license to Republic Leasing Trust, LLC d/b/a Turner's Yard through December 31, 2012 with any and all conditions that were issued to be satisfied with the ABCC. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor by roll call.

Mr. Boyle made the motion to adjourn at 5:55 pm; Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm. Prepared by Sabrina Chilcott