

BELMONT ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Committee discussed the following topics in 2006:

- Special Licenses
- Licenses for Off-premises Consumption of Alcohol
- License Renewals for 2007
- New License Applications

Special Licenses

In April 2006, the Committee presented a request for special "one-day" licenses to Town Meeting. After receiving approval from Town Meeting to proceed, the committee also had to wait for approval by the State Legislature. The Committee began to draw up a proposal for the regulations/procedures for the grant of one-day licenses for submission to the Board of Selectmen in early 2007

Licenses for Off-premises Consumption

Also in April 2006, the Committee presented two requests to Town Meeting that would enable the town to vote in April 2007 on the issue of alcohol licenses for off-premises consumption, 2 for Beer and Malt and 1 for All-Alcohol. After receiving approval from Town Meeting to proceed, the committee also had to wait for approval by the State Legislature. In November/December 2006, the Committee began contacting other similar towns in Massachusetts to gather information relating to how the other towns have developed their guidelines for said licenses. In December, the Committee began the process of reviewing the information and beginning to discussing the possible guidelines for presentation to the Board of Selectmen in early 2007

License Renewals 2007

In December, the Committee reviewed the license renewals for the following Wine and Malt licensees: Asai, Brothers Pizza, Ling Garden, Patou, Shangri-La, Stone Hearth Pizza, and Kashish. The Committee recommended license renewal for these licensees to the Board of Selectmen, which was subsequently granted. As part of the renewal process, the Committee identified those areas of the renewals that were not yet complete and presented their findings to the Town. The Town Administrator's office worked with the licensees to ensure all actions were completed. The All-Alcohol license renewal for the Belmont Country Club was reviewed and recommended for approval. Said approval was subsequently granted.

New License Applications

The Committee met with Tom Cutrone and Jean Wolf who submitted an All-Alcohol license request for Savinos Restaurant in Cushing Square. The Committee reviewed the plans, proposed menu, and interviewed the principals. After deliberation, the Committee recommended to the Board of Selectmen that Savinos be granted an All-Alcohol license

In summary, as of December 31, 2006, there are eight (8) Beer and Malt licenses - all have been granted. There are three (3) All-Alcohol licenses for restaurants – one has been granted, two are inactive.

Many thanks to Committee members Carolyn Bunyon, Janice Ellard, Lawrence Grosbaum, Maryann Scali, and Sal Maniscalco for their time and effort.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew V. Levin, Chairman