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TOWN MANAGER PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES 200 Main Street – Conference Room, June 12, 2012 10:00 a.m.

A meeting was held on June 12, 2012 at the Town Office Building, 200 Main Street, Hyannis, MA in the conference room at 10:00 a.m. Thomas F. Geiler, Director of Regulatory Services, presided on behalf of the Acting Town Manager, Thomas K. Lynch. Also present at the meeting was Richard V. Scali, Consumer Affairs Supervisor, and Christine Ade, Recorder.

Hearing:

Application for a New Limousine Permit: Application of Airport Taxi, LLP, Joe Vargas and Dean Murphy, 523 Barnstable Road, Hyannis, MA for a new Limousine Permit for one luxury passenger van.

Mr. Geiler called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. by advising that this is a public hearing called for the application of Airport Taxi, LLP, Joe Vargas and Dean Murphy, principals, 523 Barnstable Road, Hyannis, for a Limousine Permit for one luxury passenger van. He then asked the applicants for a summary of their request.

Mr. Vargas stated that they want to expand their business to include a limousine with no meter to give their clients another option for trips, especially off Cape trips. He stated more and more families of 5-6 are traveling, sometimes with pets, for a couple weeks and they could take them to and from airports both Boston and T.F. Green, or to Fenway Park for example. They want to be able to fulfill this need.

Mr. Geiler asked where the limo would be stored and they advised at the Barnstable Road address.

Mr. Geiler asked if they are familiar with the Town of Barnstable Rules and Regulations with regard to limousines, not just taxis, and they said that they were. He gave them a copy of the Rules and Regulations saying that the pertinent section is that for Fares, which are treated totally differently from the meters in taxis. He stated that there is a 2 hour minimum trip time at \$40/hr for all trips within Barnstable County and a \$120 minimum trip charge for all trips outside of Barnstable County (\$60/hr), a 3 hour minimum.

Mr. Geiler stated that no-one from the public appeared at the hearing, but he understood that there have been no complaints filed against Airport Taxi with us in the years they have been in business. He confirmed their telephone numbers: (508) 367-6959 Joe cell; (508) 241-9411 Taxi line.

Mr. Vargas said that they appreciate what we have done for them. Mr. Murphy asked if the limousine drivers have any different requirements than the taxi drivers. Mr Geiler stated they do not, however the intent of the regulations is so that these people do not misuse the personal information they possess (people being away from home). He stated there have been no problems to date.

Mr. Geiler then closed the hearing at 10:10 a.m. stating he would be forwarding a recommendation to the Town Manager's Office for approval and did not exactly know the timeframe within which we would hear back with a decision.

Christine Ade, Recorder

Thomas F. Geiler, Hearing Officer,
Director of Regulatory Services

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Findings of Fact:

The applicant(s) is a proper person to hold a Limo license as described in the Town of Barnstable Rules and Regulations for the Regulation of Taxi Cabs and the Operation Thereof and Massachusetts general Laws c. 148.

The applicant proposes to provide a service that will benefit Barnstable residents.

The applicant proposes to store the vehicle on commercial property in keeping with the Town's zoning regulations.

The applicant(s) (principals of the LLP) are licensed vehicle for hire operators by the Town of Barnstable Police Department.

The applicants have 4 years experience as licensed taxicab owners/operators with no violations or complaints.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the application be approved.

Thomas F. Geiler
Hearing Officer
Regulatory Services Department Director