

**Motor Vehicles for Hire
Monday, May 4, 2015
Town Hall, Old Town Road
9:00 a.m.**

Present: Commissioners Brad Marthens, Vincent McAloon, Connie LaRue, Geoffrey Lawrence

Absent: Commissioner Patrick Evans

Also present were taxi licensee Don Thimble and taxi wait list member Fiona Fitzpatrick. Karen Cadow Le Roy was present to take minutes.

Commission Chair Brad Marthens called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Commission on Motor Vehicles for Hire will meet to discuss and act on the letter sent by Don Thimble.

Don Thimble summarized his letter to the Commission (attached), reiterating the adverse family circumstances which have made it impossible to purchase a cab this summer. He said he was embarrassed to ask for another abeyance but will accept one if offered.

The Commissioners discussed the ongoing process of reduction of taxi licenses from 34 to 32. There are currently 32 active licenses and Don's license, which has been held in abeyance, is #33.

Fiona Fitzpatrick, currently #1 on the Taxi Wait List, spoke in favor of extending Mr. Thimble's abeyance. She said he was a poster child for the perfect taxi owner who had waited many years on the waiting list and was ready to retire, and that the net result of extending his abeyance would be a total of 32 cabs on the road.

Motion: Mr. Marthens moved that the Commission send a letter to the Town Council that the Commission on Motor Vehicles for Hire recommends that the Council continue to hold Don Thimble's license in abeyance until the next active license is retired, at which time Don's license would become active, allowing the Commission to maintain the targeted goal of 32 licenses in any given year.

Ayes: 4 (McAloon, Marthens, LaRue, Lawrence)

Nays: 0

Mr. Marthens will sign the letter (attached), which will go to the Council for tomorrow night's meeting.

Motion: At 9:21 a.m. Mr. Lawrence moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. LaRue.

Ayes: 4 (McAloon, Marthens, LaRue, Lawrence)

Nays: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Cadow Le Roy

Approved: May 19, 2015