

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission 95 Fourth Street, Suite 3 Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150-2358

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### DECISION

# GREAT BROOK FARMS INC D/B/A SLATERS 356 MAIN STREET BOLTON, MA 01740 LICENSE#: 00010-GP-0112 VIOLATION DATE: 5/24/2023 HEARD: 10/24/2023

Great Brook Farms Inc d/b/a Slaters ("Licensee") holds an alcohol license issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 138, § 12. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission ("ABCC" or "Commission") held a remote hearing via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, regarding an alleged violation of 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 Sale or Delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one years of age. Prior to the commencement of the hearing the Licensee stipulated to the facts alleged in Investigators Keefe and Quinn's Minimum Purchase Age Compliance Check Field Report.

The following documents are in evidence:

- 1. Investigators Keefe and Quinn's Minimum Purchase Age Compliance Check Field Report, 5/24/2023;
- 2. ABCC Form 43, New License Approval, 3/14/2012;
- 3. ABCC Decision, 10/12/2022;
- 4. Licensee's Stipulation of Facts.

There is one (1) audio recording of this hearing.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Investigators Quinn and Keefe ("Investigators") conducted a compliance check at Great Brook Farms Inc. d/b/a Slaters.
- 2. An underage operative, working under the supervision of Investigators, purchased an alcoholic beverage, a 12-ounce bottle of Bud Light beer, for four dollars and fifty-five cents (\$4.55). The underage operative was not asked for identification.
- 3. Bruce Slater, Licensee, appeared at the Commission hearing and testified the server has since been TIPS certified.
- 4. The Licensee has held a license under M.G.L. c. 138, § 12 since 2012 with one prior violation.

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#### <u>CONCLUSION</u>

Based on the evidence, the Commission finds the Licensee violated 204 CMR 2.05 (2) Permitting an illegality on the licensed premises, to wit: M.G.L. Ch. 138, § 34 Sale or Delivery of an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty-one years of age. Therefore, the Commission suspends the license for a period of one (1) day to be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission Regulations are found by this Commission.

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Jean M. Lorizio, Chairman

Crystal Matthews, Commissioner

Deborah A. Baglio, Commissioner

Dated: November 9, 2023

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