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DOCKET NO. 2202-N-12-L

RE: APPLICATION OF MASS PARK INC DBA VALET PARK OF  
AMERICA TO OPERATE ONE (1) GENERAL LIVERY VEHICLE,  
WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN ELEVEN  
PASSENGERS, FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN STAMFORD.

DECISION

JULY 5, 2022

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. APPLICATION

By application filed on February 8, 2022, with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, Mass Park Inc dba Valet Park of America (hereinafter "applicant") with a mailing address of 185 Spring Street, Springfield, Massachusetts 01105 seeks authorization to operate one (1) motor vehicle, having a seating capacity of less than eleven (11) passengers, in general livery service from a headquarters in Stamford.

### B. HEARING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended, a public hearing by telephone was held on this application on May 24, 2022.

Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to such other parties as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended. Legal notice to the public was given by publication on the department's website.

A hearing officer designated by the Commissioner pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-17 conducted the hearing on this matter.

### C. APPEARANCES

Theodore Chagnon appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. The applicant's mailing address is 185 Spring Street, Springfield, Massachusetts 01105.

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in Stamford.
2. The applicant proposes to operate a 2014 Ford Flex which is paid for.
3. The applicant has been in the transportation business in Connecticut with a bus certificate for several years.
4. The applicant also has years of experience in managing parking lots, providing valet services and livery transportation in other states.

5. The applicant currently operates various businesses in Connecticut, New York, and Massachusetts

6. The applicant's first six months of expenses includes insurance costs of \$1,738, equipment of \$600, maintenance costs of \$1,800, property tax of \$78, advertising costs of \$600 and communication costs of \$1,200.

7. The applicant has \$783,670 in a business bank account.

8. The applicant is working from an office for which there is no rent.

9. The applicant will be using the livery permit to transport patients and staff at Saint Francis Hospital among other livery work.

10. This application was not opposed.

### III. DISCUSSION

The department has jurisdiction over each person, association, limited liability company or corporation owning or operating a motor vehicle in livery service, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, as amended.

In determining whether a livery permit should be granted, the department shall take into consideration the present or future public convenience and necessity. The applicant must prove that the public's convenience and necessity will be improved by the proposed service. Additionally, the applicant must show the suitability of the applicant or the suitability of the management if the applicant is a limited liability company or corporation, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently and properly to perform the service for which authority is requested and the fitness, willingness and ability of the applicant to conform to the provisions of the statutes and the requirements and regulations of the department thereunder, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103.

Regarding the applicant's suitability, the applicant submitted a criminal record check for the only member, Theodore Chagnon, which disclosed no criminal record. Mr. Chagnon has experience transporting the public in livery services as well as managing parking lots and providing valet services. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to conduct the proposed livery business.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the applicant presented evidence that the first six months of expenses includes: insurance costs of \$1,738, equipment of \$600, maintenance costs of \$1,800, property tax of \$78, advertising costs of \$600 and communication

costs of \$1,200 for a total expense of \$6,016. The applicant has \$783,670 in a bank account to cover these startup expenses and is therefore financially suitable.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant has many contacts in the community including with Saint Francis Hospital which has requested a livery service to move patients and staff. The applicant currently operates with a bus certificate in Connecticut. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant will receive authorization for intrastate livery service.

#### IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of Mass Park Inc dba Valet Park of America is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3744 is hereby issued as follows:

#### **LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3744**

Mass Park Inc dba Valet Park of America is authorized to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service, with a seating capacity of less than eleven passengers, from a headquarters in Stamford.

#### **RESTRICTIONS:**

**The applicant must register and insure the one (1) general livery vehicle granted in this decision within ninety (90) days. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the general livery authority.**

The authority granted under this permit may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e. a vehicle registered with livery plates thereunder for not less than twenty-four (24) months.

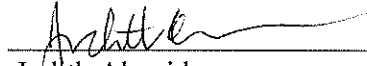
This permit shall remain in effect until it is amended, suspended or revoked by the department. Failure of the permit holder to maintain proper insurance and/or comply with all pertinent motor vehicle laws and other state statutes and/or rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered sufficient cause to amend, suspend or revoke said permit.

A memorandum of this permit, bearing the seal of the department, shall be

conspicuously posted in each motor vehicle operated under this permit.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on the 5th day of July 2022.

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