

**MEETING OF THE
WOBURN LICENSE COMMISSION
JUNE 16, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.
COMMITTEE ROOM
WOBURN CITY HALL**

Present: Chairman Paul Medeiros, Member David Gilgun, Member Thomas Skeffington, and Police Liaison Captain John Murphy

Reading of Minutes of previous meeting(s). Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

Maryann Mitchell, 23 Bailey Road, Somerville, MA relative to an application for Fortune Tellers License for premises located at 291 Montvale Avenue. (continued from previous meeting) – Request to withdraw Motion was made and seconded to grant leave to withdraw. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

Petition of 99 West LLC dba 99 Restaurant & Pub, 291 Mishawum Road, Woburn, MA relative to a request for Change of Manager (Robert Cappello) pertaining to the premises at 291 Mishawum Road. Robert Cappello of Peabody, explained that he has been with the 99 Restaurants for 2 ½ years; and that he has been in the restaurant business since he was thirteen. Motion was made and seconded to approve the petition for Change of Manager. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0

Shamrock Running Club, P.O. Box 602, Woburn, MA relative to a request for a one-day liquor license for the service of beer at a “Bill Feeney 5K Road Race and Health Walk” event to be held on July 4, 2016 at the premises known as Spence Farm at 41 Wyman Street. (Abstained: Chair Medeiros) On behalf of the Shamrock Running Club, Emmett Murphy explained that this is the 5th annual event; and that it will be the same as past years. Motion was made and seconded to approve the request and waive the fee. The Vote was all in favor, 2-0 (Abstained: Medeiros).

Canal Park Servers LLC dba Crowne Plaza Boston-Woburn, 15 Middlesex Canal Park Drive, Woburn, MA 01801, relative to a request for Special One-Day License for a charitable music festival to be held on August 14, 2016 pertaining to the back patio and parking lot on the premises at 15 Middlesex Canal Park Drive. Representing the petitioner,

Manager Frank Vento and Steve Huron (Sp?) of Reading were present. Mr. Vento explained that they are requesting an one-day extension of liquor license for an event to benefit Tanner TaTa and the Friends of Catherine Wall; that they have been involved for many years; that they want to do something bigger to raise money; that it will be a music event with four tribute bands; that it will be a great event for the City and charities selling a lot of food (i.e. burgers, dogs, wings,...); that there will be lots of food to go with the beverages; that they intend to have five police details as well as their own security with eight managers on duty; that both he and Steve have experience at other facilities with events of this size and are aware of the controls. Member Skeffington stated that this is the best presentation; and that Frank (Vento) does a lot for the City. Member Gilgun stated that they submitted a great presentation; questioned the expectation of 700-900 people; and hopes that they will work closely with the Captain/Police Department. Mr. Vento stated that they are hoping for that many people; and that they are securing the parking lot with temporary fencing. Motion was made and seconded to approve the request and waive the fee. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

Lord Hobo Brewing Company, LLC, 5 Draper Street, Woburn, MA relative to request for eleven (11) Special One-Day Licenses for events to be held: June 17, 18, and 19, 2016; June 24 and 25, 2016; July 1 and 2, 2016; July 8 and 9, 2016; July 15 and 16, 2016 for the premises located at 5 Draper Street. Representing the petitioner, Richard Maher of Reading was present and stated that he is the Chief Strategy Officer; responding to Chair Medeiros' concern of the lack of food, Mr. Maher explained that they are bringing in food trucks; that when there is enough people, they order in pizza; and that they are seriously working towards putting in a kitchen. Motion was made and seconded to approve the request for eleven events at Lord Hobo. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

Grand Slam Restaurant Concepts Woburn LLC dba Jake N'Joe's, 230 Mishawum Road, Woburn, MA relative to a request for extension of hours of operation (1:15 am) for an event being held on July 9, 2016 at the premises at 230 Mishawum Road. Representing the petitioner Brian Guglielmo explained that it is similar to a previous request that they approved and had to cancel due to player's injury; that the event will be on July 9th; that they are seeking to extend their hours of operation (not alcohol); and they plan on having police detail and managers in the building. Motion was made and seconded to grant the extension of hours of operation for July 9th. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

Natasha Miller dba Psychic Readings, 390 Main Street, Woburn, MA relative to an Application for Fortune Tellers License pertaining to the premises at 390 Main Street, Suite 200. The petitioner, Natasha Miller of Burlington along with the property owner, Jen Lin of Malden were present. Ms. Miller explained that she has been in business in Burlington for 23 years; that she does Psychic readings and tarot cards; that her hours of operation are from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm by appointment only, with no Sundays. Chair Medeiros stated that they have

received communications from the Building Commissioner and Police Chief requesting a continuation. Ms. Miller added that she has been well established with no complaints. Motion was made and seconded to continue to the next meeting. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

(Taken out of order) Woburn Lodge of Elks #908, 295 Washington Street, Woburn, MA relative to request for Special One-Day License for a pig roast event to be held on September 10, 2016 in the parking lot at 295 Washington Street. (continued from previous meeting) Tabled until later in the meeting. Representing the petitioner, Manager John Mulrenin and Robert Marzilla were present, along with Eileen Caulfield of the Elks Café who stated that she came to apologize to the Commission for her lapse of Common Victualler's License; and to apologize for the Club having to come back to another meeting. The Commission accepted said apology. Mr. Marzilla explained that they are holding a pig roast for approximately 100 guests; that they will have a tent, pig roast, and corn hole; and that they will have beer and wine only. Responding to Chair Medeiros, Mr. Mulrenin stated that he will contact their insurance company and insure that they are covered on all premises. Motion was made and seconded to grant the request for September 10th; and waive the fee. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

Discussion relative to including Cordials with Beer and Wine licenses Common Victualler License Renewals. A discussion which continued from the last meeting resulted in that it will be hard to police; that there is no easy answer; that Boston has taken it, and run with it; that the definition is very broad and covers more than we think. Chair Medeiros added that he spoke with the City Solicitor after the last meeting who, in turn, spoke with ABCC and they've run into people/establishments making their own cordials; that we could work with the City Solicitor or drop the matter; that if we move forward, we'd then request the City Council to adopt; that he can see the benefit and the headache. Captain Murphy stated that they would need a clearer definition. Motion was made and seconded to put off the matter until someone requests. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

Discussion relative to hours of service of alcoholic beverages. Member Skeffington stated that he thinks we have to get up to speed with everyone else; that we should move to 12:30 with drinks off table by 1:00 and be in line with the Clubs; and that we don't want people leaving the City and coming back. Captain Murphy stated that standardization is easier for the police; and that we have time to update the rules and regulations before the October meeting. Chair Medeiros stated that he took the liberty of editing our rules and regulations for standardization which mirrors Burlington. There was a brief discussion of employees being able to drink on the premises after their off duty; that the ABCC stated it's difficult to enforce. Motion made and seconded table until the next meeting and have the City Solicitor and Police Chief review for input. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

Discussion of Fortune Teller's License application. Motion made and seconded to table until the next meeting. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

Additional: Update on Common Victuallers. Motion was made and seconded to require Andrea's Pizza; Brothers Pizza; and Waxy O'Connor's to the next meeting. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

The next meetings of the License Commission will be July 21, 2016; August 18, 2016; and September 15, 2016.

Motion made and second to adjourn, all in favor, 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Patricia Bergeron George
Clerk of Committees