

**MEETING OF THE
WOBURN LICENSE COMMISSION
JULY 21, 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.

Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 70 Montvale Avenue, Woburn, MA, requesting four (4) special one-day licenses for events to be held: August 5, 2016 (Birthday); August 21, 2016 (Baptism); August 27, 2016 (Birthday); September 24, 2016 (Anniversary) at 70 Montvale Avenue. Motion was made and seconded to take the requests collectively. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0. Representing the Church, Wilma Thomas stated that: August 5th is for a birthday party; August 21st is a Baptism; August 27th is a birthday party; and September 24th is an anniversary party; and confirmed that they were all for beer and wine. Motion was made and seconded to approve the request for four one-day licenses. 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. (continuation from previous meeting) The petitioner, Natasha Miller was present. Chair Medeiros stated that this is a continuation; and that the request is an intent to open a fortune teller business, to which Ms. Miller confirmed and stated that she talked to the Building Commissioner which she will meet up with on the 25th. There were no comments from the public. Motion was made and seconded to deny the application. The Vote was two in favor, one opposed (Gilgun) 2-1. Ms. Miller asked if she could reapply, to which the Chair suggested that she may want to speak to an attorney.

Dave & Buster's of Massachusetts Inc dba Dave & Busters, 275 Mishawum Road, Woburn, MA relative to a request for change of hours on Amusement License and Common Victualler's License pertaining to the premises at 275 Mishawum Road. Representing the petitioner, Joseph R. Tarby, III, Esquire, Murtha Cullina LLP, 600 Unicorn Park Drive, Woburn, MA and manager Marie Austin were present. Attorney Tarby explained that the current hours are Monday through Saturday 11:00 am to 1:00 am and Sunday's 12:00 pm to 1:00 am; that Dave and Busters is rolling out a program to open earlier for summer and school breaks; that

Braintree has approved; that there will be no liquor; and that it strictly for parents and kids. Ms. Austin further explained that the bar won't be open; that it's strictly amusements; and that Dave & Busters has rolled out the program. Attorney Tarby stated that D&B will be advertising the program; and that they will be filing with the City Council for a Special Permit and the hearing will be on August 16th. Motion was made and seconded to approve the request of Dave & Busters to open at 10:00 am Monday through Sunday subject on no liquor sales for the extended hour(s). The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

Masa Restaurant Group, Inc. dba Masa Southwestern Bar & Grill, 350 Cambridge Road, Woburn, Massachusetts relative to a Petition for Transfer of License to The Local Woburn LLC dba The Local pertaining to the premises located at 350 Cambridge Road. Representing the petitioner, Thomas Murphy, Esquire, Shea, Murphy & Gulde, Center Street, Burlington, MA and owner Frank Santo were present. Attorney Murphy explained the The Local is in agreement to operate at the Masa Restaurant location; that currently have three locations, namely: Newton, Weston and Wayland and are looking to add Woburn; that the agreement is subject to the Board and ABCC approval; that The Local is a self-described 'gastrolounge'; that it's a casual club serving good food reasonably priced; that Mr. Santo is from Woburn and has been in business for thirty years; that Richard Abbott (in audience) is to be the manager; and that they plan to use the outside eating area. Mr. Santo added that they hope to be opening in September. Member Skeffington stated that he's been to many of Mr. Santos' restaurants and they are run well; and that he's glad to see him back (in Woburn). Motion was made and seconded to approve the petition. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

Taipei Tokyo Café Inc. dba Taipei Tokyo Café, 318 Main Street, Woburn, Massachusetts relative to a Petition for Transfer of License to Rice and Beyond, Inc. dba Peppercorn House pertaining to the premises located at 318 Main Street.

Rice & Beyond, Inc. dba Peppercorn House, 318 Main Street, Woburn, MA relative to a request for Common Victualler's License pertaining to the premises at 318 Main Street.

Motion was made and seconded to take the two matters collectively. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0. Representing the petitioner, Christopher Coleman, Esquire, 128 Lincoln Street, #203, Boston, MA and Jinwu Yang and Li Han were present. Attorney Coleman explained that Taipei is approximately 5200 SF with 104 seats and 6 at sushi bar; that there will be no change to the restaurant; that they will be open 11:00 am -12:00 am seven days per week; that Mr. Yang has excellent experience; that he is TIPS trained; that he will work 40 hours per week; and that they will have all staff alcohol trained. Member Skeffington stated that Sundays alcohol service would be at 12:00 pm, to which Chair Medieros added that they could apply for 'Brunch' hours. Attorney Coleman added that they will have the same seating plan. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Transfer of License and Common Victualler' License subject to the change of hours (Sundays at 12:00 pm) and all signoffs. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

Amisha II LLC dba Waxy O'Connor's, 1 Rainin Road, Woburn, MA relative to a request for Change of Manager (to Benjamin de Mauriac) pertaining to the premises at 1 Rainin Road. Director of Operations Sean Sullivan and proposed Manager Benjamin de Mauriac were present. Mr. de Mauriac state that he has been in the industry for 16 years; listed restaurants that he has worked for; that he has been with Waxy's since September. Mr. Sullivan stated that they had put together the package but the previous manager never turned in; that as soon as they the work from the Clerk, they got all of the signoffs; that they have been delayed with the Certificate of Good Standing; and that they got it to the Clerk, the first day they heard. Motion was made and seconded to approve the Change of Manager. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

Lord Hobo Brewing Company, LLC, 5 Draper Street, Woburn, MA relative to request for six (6) Special One-Day Licenses for events to be held: July 22, 2016 and June 23, 2016; July 29, 2016 and July 30, 2016; August 6, 2016; and August 13, 2016 for the premises located at 5 Draper Street. Representing the petitioner, Richard Maher stated that the requests are to have the tap room open on some Fridays and most Saturdays; that they would like to have the ability to pour and have summer events; that they are continuing to do more food (via food truck); that they are starting to design a room to build out to include a kitchen which will be down the road. Motion was made and seconded to approve the request for one-day licenses. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

James L. McKeown Boys & Girls Club of Woburn, Charles Gardner Lane, Woburn, MA relative to a request for Special One-Day License for an event to be held on August 18, 2016 (Alumni gathering) at Charles Gardner Lane. On behalf of the Club, Patrice O'Keefe and Joe Gaiero were present. Ms. O'Keefe explained that they are wanting to have a last call 'hooray' to have alumni come in, reminisce and say good bye to the building. Mr. Gaiero added that the event will from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Motion was made and seconded to approve the request for the hours of 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm and waive the fee. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

Discussion relative to expired Common Victualler's Licenses for the following establishments: Andrea's Pizza; Brother's Pizza and Waxy O'Connors. Chair Medeiros stated that we've already talked to Waxy's and asked the other two establishments to come forward. Alessandro of Brothers Pizza explained that the delay was bad management; that he thought the license was through June 30th; that they had a problem with the hood. Aki of Andrea's Pizza explained that he was held up because of an old excise tax bill; that he had been in and out of City Hall trying to clear it up. Chair Medeiros stated that this won't happen again; that they are going to give the Clerk the authority to set up Public Hearings; that they are asking for respect on both sides; and that we want you to flourish.

Discussion relative to hours of service of alcoholic beverages. Motion was made and seconded to lay on the table until the next meeting. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

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

Motion made and second to adjourn, all in favor, 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Patricia Bergeron George
Clerk of Committees