

**MEETING OF THE
WOBURN LICENSE COMMISSION
AUGUST 18, 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 a special one-day license for an event to be held October 8, 2016 (Priest Appreciation Dinner) at 70 Montvale Avenue. On behalf of the Church, Wilma Thomas stated that they are having a Priest Appreciation Dinner on October 8th from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm for priest in the community or who grew up her. Motion was made and seconded to approve the request and waive the fee. 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 UFC viewing event being held on August 20, 2016 at the premises at 230 Mishawum Road. Brian Guglielmo, General Manager, stated that on August 20th there is a UFC broadcast; that last call will be normal; that no liquor will be served after 12:00; that everyone will be out by 1:15 pm; and that they will have police detail. Responding to Member Skeffington, Captain Murphy stated that they have had no problems; and suggests that they use plastic cups for tonic/soda, to which Mr. Guglielmo agreed. Responding to the comment of this being short notice, Mr. Guglielmo stated that they were up in the air on whether they were going to broadcast the event. Motion was made and seconded to approve the extension of hours to 1:15 am conditioned that last call is 12:00 am and alcoholic drinks will be off the table at 12:30 am; and they will use plastics cups for tonic/soda. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

St. Barbara's Church, 138 Cambridge Road, Woburn, MA relative to a request for Special One-Day License for an event to be held on September 17, 2016 (Fall Festival-pasta dinner) at 138 Cambridge Road. On behalf of the Church, Maryanne Chorlton stated that this is the fifth year of their Fall Festival; that there will be the children's choir, then a Mass and then a pasta dinner where they would like to serve beer and wine; that the event will benefit the parish and community outreach; that there will be games for children; that they will have a singer during dinner; that it will be a fun time; that the hours for the license is 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm and will need

storage on September 16th. Motion was made and seconded to approve the request for the 2-day license 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 two (2) Special One-Day Licenses for events to be held: August 20, 2016 and August 27, 2016 for the premises located at 5 Draper Street. Richard Maher of Lord Hobo that these two licenses are to wrap up the Summer Series; and that they will celebrate Woburn. Member Skeffington made comment that the landscape is overgrown; that they have abutting residential neighbors; and asked if they could clean up, to which Mr. Maher stated that they had someone come in spring and clean out; that they will get someone to clean up; that the City Council is their first step and they will be making an investment in the facility. Motion was made and seconded to approve the request for two one-day licenses. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

Children of the Nations c/o Beth Keelan, 200 Unicorn Park, Woburn, MA relative to a request for a Special One-Day License for an event (N.E. Medical Mission Trip) to be held on October, 15, 2016 at the premises at 200 Unicorn Park. Beth Keelan of Burlington explained that this is their one fundraiser for a medical mission trip which is run by a doctor of Excel Orthopedics and his wife (a nurse); that this mission is to go to the Dominican Republic to work in villages; that they will serve wine/cheese/chocolate and food; that they will setup at 6:30 and open at 7:00 pm till 11:00 pm. Captain Murphy stated that they have had no issue. Motion was made and seconded to approve and waive the fee. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

St. Anthony Club of North Woburn, Inc., relative to requests for three (3) Special One-Day Licenses for events to be held on August 20, 2016, September 10, 2016, and October 2, 2016 at the premises at 1020R Main Street. Representing the Club, Tony Fiorello, Manager, explained that the event on August 20th is a Jack and Jill Wedding event; that it won't be open to the public; that there will be about 50-75 people; that they requested the outside for Bocci and horseshoes; that the hours will be from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm; and that the next two events are fundraisers for the Club. Captain Murphy stated that there are been no issues. Motion was made and seconded to approve the request for three one-day licenses for: August 20th from 12:00-7:00 pm; September 10th from 1:00 pm to 11:00 pm and waive the fee; and October 2nd from 1:00 pm to 11:00 pm and waive the fee. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

Discussion relative to hours of service of alcoholic beverages. Chair Medeiros stated that the City Solicitor is on vacation and that they are hoping to have something for September's meeting. Member Skeffington stated that it would be prudent for Woburn to have licensees provide ServeSafe certifications; and that Burlington, Wilmington and Stoneham already do that, to which

Chair Medeiros has no problem with that. Motion was made and seconded to lay the matter on the table. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

Additional: Member Skeffington stated that he was watching the City Council meeting and it was brought up that a Councilor was petitioning home rule legislation for three licenses, namely: Tuda Na Brasa, 306 Cambridge Road, and Lord Hobo; that it wasn't brought to the License Commission; that he thinks we should send a communication to the City Council; that it seems that we are giving spot licenses; asked if there has been research for others who may want one; that he thinks it should be fair for all; that he thinks the Commission should be a part of it; that he was concerned to hear it from the news/television that this was going on; and that he thinks we should be aware. Member Gilgun added that the License Commission is the licensing authority. Chair Medeiros agrees that it is like 'spot' zoning; that he thinks there are some beer/wine places who could benefit; that he thinks the City should do it in a planning manner; that if the President thinks it's important, they would bring it down to us; that it should be more planned; that it should address the City as a whole; and that it was not handled in a professional manner. Motion to send a communication to the City Council requesting to be involved in any discussions over liquor licenses. The Vote was all in favor, 3-0.

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 meeting of the License Commission will be September 15, 2016.

Motion made and second to adjourn, all in favor, 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Patricia Bergeron George
Clerk of Committees