

**Woburn License Commission
Woburn City Hall
Committee Room – 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 19, 2018**

Voting Members: Chairman Thomas Skeffington and Commissioner David Gilgun.
Also present: Woburn Police Capt. John Murphy, liaison to the License Commission

Chairman Skeffington convened the meeting of the License Commission at 5:30 p.m.

Portuguese American Recreation Club, 81 Main St., applications for special 1-day liquor licenses for the Holy Ghost Feast, June 1-3, 2018; and the Our Lady of the Mountain Feast, Aug, 10-12, 2018: Appearing for the petitioner were John Pacheco, 85 Lowell Street, Woburn, MA; and Michael Pacheco, 26 Holton Street, Woburn, MA. Michael Pacheco said the Portuguese American Recreation Club is holding two events – the Holy Ghost Feast on June 1, 2 and 3, and the Our Lady of the Mountain Feast on August 10, 11 and 12. Michael Pacheco said both events will be held in the back parking lot of the club. John Pacheco said the events will be held within a gated area. Michael Pacheco said the club has installed surveillance cameras this year. Chairman Skeffington said the hours of alcohol service are as follows: 5-11 p.m. on June 1; 5-11:30 p.m. on June 2; 4-10 p.m. on June 3; 5-11 p.m. on Aug. 10; 5-11 p.m. on Aug. 11; and 4-10 p.m. on Aug. 12. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Commission about the petition. There were no respondents. Capt. Murphy said the Woburn Police Dept. has enjoyed a great relationship with the Portuguese American Recreation Club over the years. Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to grant the special 1-day liquor licenses with the aforementioned dates and times, and to waive the \$50 application fee; approved, 2-0.

Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to take the next three matters collectively; approved, 2-0.

Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 70 Montvale Ave., application for special 1-day liquor licenses for an annual festival on June 7, 2018, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; on June 8, 2018, from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; on June 9, 2018, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and; on June 10, 2018, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 70 Montvale Ave., application for a special 1-day liquor license for a wedding on June 15, 2018, from 6-11 p.m.

Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 70 Montvale Ave., application for a special 1-day liquor license for a birthday party on April 21, 2018, from 6-11 p.m.: Appearing on behalf of the petitioner was Wilma Thomas, 3 Independence Drive, Woburn, MA. Ms. Thomas said she has spoken to Lt. Joseph Gibbons of the Woburn Police Dept. and there will be police details for all four days of the annual festival in June. Commissioner Gilgun asked if there will be any events where all alcohol will be served. Ms. Thomas replied she is requesting all alcohol service for the wedding in June and beer and wine for the festival and the birthday party. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Commission about the petitions. There were no respondents. Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun to grant

the special 1-day licenses and waive the fee for the license for the annual festival; approved, 2-0. Ms. Thomas said with the approval of the aforementioned licenses the number of days of alcohol service at the church this year will be 10, out of the maximum number of 30 allowed by the ABCC.

Blues for Veterans Assoc., P.O. Box 6, Woburn, MA, application for a special 1-day liquor license for a Blues for Veterans event at Library Park, on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018, from noon to 8:30 p.m.: Appearing on behalf of the petitioner was Michael Dever, P.O. Box 6, Woburn, MA. Mr. Dever said he is the President of Blues for Veterans and this will be the sixth year the organization is holding a benefit concert, and that he would like to have beer and wine available for patrons. He said there will be five or six bands this year. Chairman Skeffington asked if an alcohol storage day will be required. Mr. Dever replied Budweiser arrives with a truck in the morning of the event and there will be no storage required. Mr. Dever said beer and wine will be served by TIPS-certified bartenders. He said the Blues for Veterans event has been pretty good for the city. Chairman Skeffington said it is a great event for a great cause. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Commission about the petition. There were no respondents. Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to grant the special 1-day license and waive the \$50 application fee; approved, 2-0.

Irish-American Club, 147 Main St., application for special 1-day liquor licenses for a cornhole tournament on Saturday, May 19, 2018, from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., with a rain date of May 20, 2018: Appearing on behalf of the petitioner was Brian Kelley, 69 Wyman Street, Woburn, MA. Mr. Kelley said the I-A hosted a cornhole tournament for service clubs last year and it was well-received, and they would like to hold a similar event this year. Mr. Kelley said the tournament will be held in the parking lot. Mr. Kelley said the proceeds raised last year benefitted the Boys & Girls Club of Woburn and VNA Hospice. He said this year's proceeds will benefit the family of Daniel Coady, a tow truck driver who was killed on Route 495 in March. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Commission about the petition. There were no respondents. Capt. Murphy said the Woburn Police Dept. has a great relationship with the Irish American Club. Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to grant the special 1-day liquor license and waive the \$50 application fee; approved, 2-0.

St. Barbara's Church, 138 Cambridge Road, application for a special 1-day liquor license for a women's sodality dinner on Wednesday, May 23, from 6-11 p.m.: Appearing on behalf of the petitioner was MaryAnn Chorlton, Lexington Street, Woburn, MA. Ms. Chorlton said the dinner is an annual event that draws a large crowd. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Commission about the petition. There were no respondents. Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to grant the special 1-day license and waive the \$50 application fee; approved, 2-0.

Mykonos Fair Inc., dba Olympia Grille, 25A Olympia Ave., application for new entertainment license: Appearing for the petitioner was Toulia Vallas, 25A Olympia Ave., Woburn, MA: Ms. Vallas said she and her husband have been operating Olympia Grille for about a year and they would like to install a couple of TVs. Chairman Skeffington asked if

anyone in the audience wished to address the Commission about the petition. There were no respondents. Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to grant the entertainment license; approved, 2-0.

BrickYard, 371 Main St., lease of Marlowe Park for dining and summer concert series:

Appearing on behalf of the petitioner were Nicholas Leo and Joseph Bono, both of 371 Main St. Mr. Bono presented the Commission with copies of the proposed seating arrangement for Marlowe Park. Mr. Leo said the BrickYard has signed a lease with the Woburn Redevelopment Authority, the terms of which are similar to last year. Mr. Leo said the schedule calls for 19 concerts on Wednesdays between 6-9 p.m., with rain dates on Thursdays, and movies on Sundays, with no rain dates. He said the concert series seems to be working out well. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Commission about the petition. Tina Cassidy, City of Woburn Planning Director and Woburn Redevelopment Authority Administrator, said the arrangement between the WRA and the BrickYard has been beneficial for all parties and she wants to voice her support on behalf of the WRA. Chairman Skeffington said it's always nice to see the crowds come out to Woburn Square for the concerts on Wednesday nights. Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to approve outdoor dining and alcohol service at Marlowe Park, as stipulated in the lease agreement between the BrickYard and the WRA, and shown on the plans submitted by Mr. Bono; approved, 2-0.

North Woburn Package Store, 2 Elm St., transfer of package store license to Empire

Liquors, Inc.: Appearing on behalf of the petitioner were Anuradha Kumar, 6 Lafayette Street, Woburn, MA; Rajesh Malrani, 35 Liberty Road, Bedford, MA; and Jenny Ng, Primesite Business Brokers, 1 Cameron Street, Wellesley, MA. Mr. Malrani said the petition is for a transfer of the package store license. He said he has previously not been in the liquor business. Chairman Skeffington asked if the petitioners are up-to-date with the state and local laws regarding liquor stores. Mr. Malrani said they are. Ms. Kumar said she will be running the business. Ms. Ng said the petitioners have taken TIPS training. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Commission about the petition. There were no respondents. Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to grant the license transfer; approved, 2-0. Chairman Skeffington welcomed the petitioners to Woburn. Chairman Skeffington advised the petitioners there is a mandatory License Commission meeting in October in advance of the annual package store license renewal.

Waxy O'Connor's, 1 Rainin Road, status of change of manager application: Appearing for the petitioner were Paul McKenna, 121 Main Street, Foxboro, MA; and Kenneth O'Reilly, 1 Rainin Road, Woburn, MA. Chairman Skeffington asked why Waxy's still has not filed an application for a change of manager. Mr. McKenna replied Waxy's has finally found someone to accept the role of general manager and he hopes to get the paperwork filed in time for the Board to approve an application at its meeting in May. Chairman Skeffington asked Mr. McKenna why it took 28 days to find a manager. Mr. McKenna said there have been a combination of things involved. He said money has been a factor. He said negative publicity has been a factor. He said they had two previous managers leave abruptly and that hopefully the new manager will stabilize the position and the business. He said the new manager will be brought on board as soon as possible and will be training at the Waxy's in Lexington this weekend. He said the Waxy's

location in Lexington is open and doing well. Mr. McKenna said there currently four Waxy's locations that are open. Mr. McKenna said Mr. O'Reilly has been managing the Woburn location since December and has been putting in between 50-70 hours a week but he cannot be the manager of record because he is not a U.S. citizen. Mr. McKenna said a close circuit television system has been upgraded and he thinks the Woburn location is heading in the right direction. Chairman Skeffington said he was pleased to hear the restaurant seems to be doing better because the property owner appeared before the Commission last month and said Waxy's is having a hard time. Mr. McKenna acknowledged the Woburn location had a turbulent start but he hopes their difficulties are behind them. Commissioner Gilgun said Waxy's has one of the best locations in the city and should be flourishing. Mr. McKenna said his goal is to become fully-compliant with the Commission's rules and regulations. Commissioner Skeffington asked if the sign on the property is fixed. Mr. McKenna said the sign has been fixed and the broken sign was another reason why people thought the restaurant was closed. Chairman Skeffington said he appreciates Waxy's promptly paying \$1,500 to clear its debt with the Police Dept. for details from last year's St. Patrick's Day weekend. Chairman Skeffington said the Commission is here to help Waxy's. He said there has been a lot of back and forth email between the Commission and Mr. McKenna the last two days and it is taking up a lot of time. He said the Commission can suspend Waxy's license for every day it was without a licensed manager on premises but he doesn't want to do that. He said if the Commission wanted to hurt Waxy's, it would have suspended its license on a Thursday, Friday and/or Saturday, not on Mondays. He said when the Commission requests Mr. McKenna's presence at a meeting, to please attend. He said Waxy's still does not have its paperwork in for the renewal of its Common Victualler's license. He said the application did not have the proper signoffs from the appropriate municipal departments. He said he does not want to have Waxy's at every meeting but Waxy's has to be more diligent going forward. He said he used to coach softball and there was a saying "Let's push the clear button" and he wants to push the clear button with Waxy's and move forward. Capt. Murphy said he will stop by Waxy's to discuss the Common Victualler's renewal process so there is no confusion. Chairman Skeffington said Waxy's also must renew their food handling license with the Board of Health. Commissioner Gilgun said he thinks Waxy's is trying to be compliant. Chairman Skeffington said he thinks they are, too. Commissioner Gilgun said he likes the fact Waxy's has brought in a new system to check IDs. Chairman Skeffington said he wants Waxy's to submit its Common Vic application and its change of manager application in time for consideration at the Commission's May 24 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to continue the hearing for change of manager until the Commission's meeting on May 24, 2018; approved, 2-0. Mr. McKenna said he will get the change of manager paperwork to the Commission on Monday.

Memo from ABCC regarding cannabis in alcoholic beverages: Clerk of the Commission said the memo is for informational purposes and no action is required. Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to receive the memo and place it on file; approved, 2-0.

Renewal of Common Victualler's licenses: Clerk of the Commission provided the Commissioners with a list of 44 incomplete or missing renewal applications for Common Victualler's licenses. Chairman Skeffington said there is not much else to do but stay on top of

them. Clerk of the Commission asked if the Commission wants to approve the complete applications that have been submitted. Commissioner Gilgun said he would prefer to wait.

Approval of Minutes of March 8, 2018 and March 15, 2018 meetings: Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to accept the minutes of both meetings, as submitted; approved, 2-0.

Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to adjourn; approved, 2-0. Chairman Skeffington adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

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Gordon Vincent
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