

**Woburn License Commission  
Woburn City Hall  
Committee Room – 5:30 p.m.  
Thursday, May 24, 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.

**Woburn Stoneham Lodge of Elks #908, 295 Washington Street, application for a special 1-day liquor license for a pig roast from 2-8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018:** Appearing for the petitioner was Robert Manzella, 295 Washington St., Woburn, MA. Mr. Manzella said the Elks Lodge is planning its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual pig roast. He said the event raised about \$3,000 last year and about 100 members and guests are expected this year. He said the event has been a big success in the past and hopefully they will do better this year. Commissioner Gilgun asked if the setup will be same as last year. Mr. Manzella said they will use wristbands to identify attendees because it seems to be a good way of managing the crowd. Chairman Skeffington asked if the back lot will be the designated drinking area. Mr. Manzella said the area for alcohol will be delineated by cones and there will be another area for cornhole delineated by cones. Chairman Skeffington asked Mr. Manzella what his role is at the Elks. Mr. Manzella replied he is the Chairman of the Cigar Committee. Chairman Skeffington asked whose role it is to renew the Elks' common victualer's license because the paperwork has not been submitted to the License Commission. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the commission about the petition. There were no respondents. Chairman Skeffington said the license will be contingent upon the submission of paperwork for the common victualer's license. He said getting the Elks to submit their paperwork for a common victualer's license has been a problem for the past four years. Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to grant the 1-day liquor license subject to the approval of the Elks' common victualer's license; approved, 2-0.

**Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 70 Montvale Ave., application for a special 1-day liquor license for a baptism on from 2-7 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2018:** Appearing for the petitioner was Wilma Thomas, 3 Independence Drive, Woburn, MA. Ms. Thomas said the event is a baptism and approximately 125 people are expected to attend. Chairman Skeffington asked if only beer and wine will be served. Ms. Thomas said only beer and wine will be served. 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 1-day liquor license; approved, 2-0.

**Central Grille, 315 Main Street, application for a new beer and wine license:** Appearing for the petitioner was Momisrebe C. Da Siva, 56 Campbell Street, Woburn, MA, and Jessica Da Silva. Mr. Da Silva said he previously had a liquor license for 315 Main Street, but turned it in because he was having problems with a partner. Ms. Da Silva said Mr. Da Silva wants to know what the next step is toward getting back his license. Mr. Da Silva said things didn't work out

with his former partner. Ms. Da Silva said Mr. Da Silva had to go to court to resolve some issues. She said Mr. Da Silva would like to recoup his beer and wine license because he has a new clientele and is getting more business. Chairman Skeffington asked if Mr. Da Silva has talked to the Building Commissioner. Mr. Da Silva said he has not. Chairman Skeffington said Mr. Da Silva may want to confer with the Building Commissioner about his seating plan. Chairman Skeffington asked if the restaurant will still have 85 seats. Mr. Da Silva said he has 82 seats; 72 when the buffet is operational. Ms. Da Silva said the buffet will take up part of a wall and reduce the number of seats. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the commission about the petition. There were no respondents. Chairman Skeffington said he would like to table the matter until the Building Commissioner can inspect the premises and make sure everything is in order. Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to table the matter until the commission's next meeting; approved, 2-0. Ms. Da Silva asked when the next meeting will take place. Commissioner Skeffington said it will occur on Thursday, June 21, 2018. Commissioner Skeffington asked the clerk of the commission to send a communication to Building Commissioner Thomas Quinn asking him to check the seating and to make sure the restaurant complies with ADA regulations.

**110 Grill WL Woburn LLC, 4 Lan Drive, Suite 300, Westford, MA, 01886, application for a new liquor license for the premises at 369 Washington Street:** Appearing for the petitioner were Attorney Kevin Ericksen, General Counsel, Ryan Development, 4 Lan Drive, Westford, MA; and Jeffrey Bens, 104 Cottage St., Hudson, MA. Attorney Ericksen said Mr. Benz is the proposed manager for the new restaurant. Attorney Ericksen said 110 Grill is seeking a new all-alcohol license with extended hours on Sunday for brunch, a common victualer license and an entertainment license. He said the company started in Chelmsford in 2014 and opened its 14<sup>th</sup> location on Tuesday and expects to open eight more before the end of 2018. Attorney Ericksen said the company employs local people and currently maintains a work force of around 1,200 people. He said the fare is upscale American cuisine and the company prides itself on quality and consistency. Attorney Ericksen said everything on the menu can be made gluten-free. He said the restaurant will consist of about 5,500-square-feet and another 1,400-square-feet on a patio. He said the patio is a huge component of the restaurant. He said the entertainment will consist of televisions and the occasional live entertainer, and that the chain is looking forward to joining the community. Commissioner Skeffington asked where the entertainment will take place. Attorney Ericksen said the entertainment will take place on the patio, and they will occasionally have to eliminate a table to accommodate the entertainer. Mr. Benz said the entertainment usually consists of a small acoustic band. Commissioner Gilgun asked what role Robert Walker has in the restaurant. Attorney Ericksen said Mr. Walker is the manager of the LLC. Commissioner Skeffington said Woburn does things a little differently than other communities in that the city has a very strict police department. Commissioner Gilgun noted there is a violation for service to a minor in 2014. Attorney Ericksen said the violation occurred with another restaurant brand during a compliance check and there was no penalty imposed. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the commission about the petition. There were no respondents. Chairman Skeffington noted the license is available due to special legislation. Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to grant the entertainment and liquor licenses; approved, 2-0.

**Change of manager application, Red Robin, 369 Washington Street:** Appearing for the petitioner was Abby Lincoln, 28 Greenleaf Drive, Danvers, MA. Ms. Lincoln said the restaurant is doing well and has done a ton of to-go business lately. 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 change of manager request; approved, 2-0. Chairman Skeffington welcomed Ms. Lincoln to Woburn.

**Show Cause Hearing for change of manager application, Waxy O'Connor's, 1 Rainin Road:** Appearing for the petitioner were Paul McKenna, 1 Rainin Road, Woburn, MA, and Wendy Golini, 45 Vinton St., Melrose, MA. No action was taken.

**Change of manager application, Waxy O'Connor's, 1 Rainin Road:** Appearing for the petitioner were Paul McKenna, 1 Rainin Road, Woburn, MA, and Wendy Golini, 45 Vinton St., Melrose, MA. Ms. Golini said she is a lifelong resident of Melrose. She said she has worked for the Margarita's restaurant chain in Portsmouth, N.H. for about five years, then Legal Seafood, briefly for Mile Marker One and then Crowne Plaza in Woburn. She said she has spent 20 years in the restaurant industry, all without incident. She said she has had a number of conversations with Mr. McKenna and she is very committed to running a quality establishment at Waxy O'Connor's and she is looking forward to managing the restaurant. Commissioner Gilgun said Ms. Golini's resume looks excellent. Chairman Skeffington asked Ms. Golini how well she handles paperwork. Ms. Golini said she has strong administrative skills and if anyone on the commission has a concern about the business, they can count on the issue being addressed. She said part of her role is to be a liaison between Waxy O'Connor's and the city and to make sure the restaurant is being managed properly. Chairman Skeffington said it looks like Waxy's is on the right path by hiring Ms. Golini. Commissioner Gilgun said he is pleasantly surprised by Ms. Golini's qualifications and comments. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the commission about the petition. Capt. Murphy said Waxy's passed a minimum age purchase law compliance check that was conducted in April. Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to grant Waxy O'Connor's application for change of manager; approved, 2-0.

**Memo regarding Beneficial Interests at Jake N Joe's, 230 Mishawum Road:** Clerk of the Commission said the memo was sent for informational purposes and no action is required at this time. Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to receive the memo and place it on file; approved, 2-0.

**Approval of Common Victualer's licenses:** Clerk of the Commission distributed a list of establishments that still have not submitted renewal applications or submitted applications that are incomplete. Clerk said some of the establishments on the list are on the list because they sent their applications to their corporate headquarters. Chairman Skeffington said the managers are told every October to not send their paperwork to their corporate headquarters. Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to grant the common victualer's applications that are complete and issue the corresponding licenses for 2018; approved, 2-0.

**Letter from Lottery Commission regarding application from Irish American Club of Woburn, 147 Main St., for a Keno license:** Representing the Irish American Club of Woburn

were Brian Kelley from the Board of Directors and Kevin Donovan, Secretary of the Irish-American Club. Mr. Kelley said the Irish American Club is seeking to add Keno and state lottery components. Chairman Skeffington said the city has a requirement that Keno monitors are not to be visible from the street. Mr. Donovan said that will not be a problem because there are no windows from the street looking into the bar at the Irish-American Club. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the commission about the petition. There were no respondents. Motion made and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to grant the license, subject to the condition that the Keno monitors may not be visible from the street; approved, 2-0.

**Report from Woburn Police regarding compliance checks:** Capt. Murphy said minimum age purchase compliance checks were conducted by detectives Michael Wells and Robert Dowd of the Woburn Police Dept. on April 25, 2018, under Capt. Murphy's direction, at the following establishments: The BrickYard, Applebee's, North Woburn Package Store, Jake & Joe's, Dave & Buster's, The Liquor Junction, Polcari's and Waxy O'Connor's. Capt. Murphy said all the establishments refused service to the underage patron, a woman who turned 21 the week after the compliance checks. Capt. Murphy said the underage patron was chosen because she was as close to 21 without being 21 as they could find. Capt. Murphy said the department chose high-volume restaurants with a bar, along with the two package stores. He said one employee nearly served the underage patron but she was asked for ID just before the employee gave the drink to the underage patron. Chairman Skeffington noted there have been no violations during each of the last three compliance checks. Capt. Murphy said in each instance this time the patron ordered a Bud Light because it is the most popular beverage in most establishments. Capt. Murphy noted the night the compliance checks were undertaken was the same night as a Bruins playoff game and the bars were busy. Chairman Skeffington said the fact that all eight establishments passed the compliance checks is good news.

**Approval of Minutes of April 19, 2018 meeting:** Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2018, as submitted; approved, 2-0.

**Any other business that may be before the commission:** Capt. Murphy said letters will be sent to all the establishments subject to the compliance checks, advising them they passed.

**Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Chairman Skeffington to adjourn;** approved, 2-0. Chairman Skeffington adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

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