

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & LICENSES
MAY 7, 2018 AT 6:18 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WOBURN CITY HALL

Voting members present: Chairman Lindsay Higgins, Alderman Michael Concannon, Alderman Joanne Campbell and Alderman Richard Gately. Absent: Alderman Darlene Mercer-Bruen.

Non-voting members present: Alderman Michael Anderson, Alderman Mark Gaffney, Alderman Edward Tedesco and President Richard Haggerty

Application for a new Inflammable License from Woburn Foreign Motors, 394

Washington Street: Appearing on behalf of the petitioner were Attorney Joseph R. Tarby III, Murtha Cullina, 600 Unicorn Park Drive, Woburn, MA, Timothy Williams, Allen & Major Associates, 100 Commerce Way, Woburn, MA, and Richard Alessi, Director of Fixed Operations, Woburn Foreign Motors, 394 Washington Street, Woburn, MA. Attorney Tarby reminded the Committee a special permit for renovations to Woburn Foreign Motors (WFM) was approved in 2015 and that the new building will be approximately 152,600-square-feet with parking for approximately 369 vehicles. Attorney Tarby said WFM is required to get an inflammable license for the gasoline in the cars inside the building as well as for the fuel pump for dispensing gasoline. Mr. Williams said there will be on-site storage tanks as follows: 14,000 gallons for lubricants, 6,000 gallons for washer fluids and coolants, 2,000 for waste oil and 10,000 gallons for gasoline. He said the lubricant tank will be near the car repair bays. Of the 369 parking spots, 205 will be in the basement and 164 on the top floor of the facility, Mr. Williams said. He said there will be 51 service bays. He said the remaining tanks will be on the south side of the building. Attorney Tarby said the projected opening for the new facility is in mid-June. Mr. Williams said the Woburn Fire Dept. is comfortable with the plans for storage of flammables. Attorney Tarby said Woburn Fire Chief Stephen Adgate has signed off on the plans. Alderman Gately said the Council knew the application for the inflammable license was coming, and it was a matter of how many tanks there are and where they are put. Alderman Gately asked if the location of the tanks was altered because WFM didn't want to do any blasting. Mr. Williams said there was some ledge that was found which caused some re-alignment to the plans and the tank to the north of the building was put on a decorative patio. Alderman Gately said that seemed like a good place to put it. Alderman Concannon said he is good with the location of the tanks if the Woburn Fire Dept. is in approval. Chairman Higgins said the City Council has not held a public hearing on the inflammable license application yet. Attorney Tarby said the public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15. Chairman Higgins suggested sending the matter back for action. Motion made by Alderman Campbell and seconded by Alderman Concannon to send the application for an inflammable license "back for action;" approved, 4-0.

Motion made to adjourn by Alderman Concannon and seconded by Alderman Campbell; approved, 4-0. Chairman Higgins adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees