

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & LICENSES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019 AT 6:03 P.M.
COMMITTEE ROOM
WOBURN CITY HALL

Voting members present: Chairman Lindsay Higgins, Alderman Joanne Campbell, Alderman Michael Concannon, Alderman Darlene Mercer-Bruen, and Alderman Robert Ferullo

Non-voting members present: Alderman Mark Gaffney, President Michael Anderson, Alderman Edward Tedesco and Alderman Richard Gately (participating remotely)

Also present: Ward 3 Alderman-elect Jeffrey Dillon

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VOTED to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to approve, all in favor, 5-0.

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Musto Jewelers Inc. for renewal of Secondhand Dealers and Secondhand Collectors

License: Chairman Higgins said she has heard of no problems associated with the license. Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Ferullo to grant the license renewal with any existing conditions; approved, 5-0.

First Class Motor Vehicle Sales License renewals: C.N. Wood Company, Inc.: Chairman Higgins said there is no limit on the number of vehicles and a weight limit of 50 tons on any vehicle brought to the locus. Alderman Mercer-Bruen asked if there have been any issues associated with the license. Chairman Higgins said there have been none. Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Ferullo that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0; **M&L Transit Systems, Inc.:** Chairman Higgins said there is a limit of three vehicles for sale or lease. Alderman Mercer-Bruen said she is not aware of any issues associated with the license. Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Ferullo that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0; **Northeast Tree, Inc.:** Chairman Higgins said there are no limits nor conditions associated with the license. Alderman Gately said he has received information the business has been starting earlier than 7 a.m. He said he has received numerous complaints about starting operations at 6-6:30 a.m. He asked the committee to advise the business hours start at 7 a.m. He said he is willing to grant the license approval but asked the committee to send a letter to Northeast Tree. Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Campbell to send a communication to Northeast Tree advising company officials they are not to start operations before 7 a.m. and that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0; **Woburn Foreign Motors, Inc.:** Chairman Higgins said the application does not have the required signatures from the Police Chief, the Fire Chief and the Building Commissioner and thus is technically not before the committee. Alderman Mercer-Bruen asked if the applicant is aware the application is lacking the signatures. Clerk of Committees reported he left a message with Mr. George Albrecht last week and has received no response; and **Woodco Machinery, Inc.:** Chairman Higgins said there is no limit on the number

of vehicles, no conditions and no reported problems with the business. Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Campbell that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0.

Second Class Motor Vehicle Sales License renewals: Robert McSheffrey dba Bob McSheffrey Auto Sales: Chairman Higgins said there is a limit of two vehicles and the petitioner cannot store more than two vehicles on-site and they must be parked in marked spaces. Alderman Gately said he has heard no complaints and that Mr. McSheffrey runs a good operation. Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Campbell that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0; **Southside Associates, Inc. dba Burke's Garage:** Chairman Higgins said there is a limit of 15 vehicles. Alderman Campbell asked if there have been any problems reported. Chairman Higgins said there are none. Motion made by Alderman Campbell and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0; **Capelo's Auto Service, Inc. dba Capelo's Auto Sales:** Alderman Mercer-Bruen asked if there are any problems associated with the business. Chairman Higgins said there are none. Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Campbell that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0; **Michael R. Celate, III dba Central Automotive:** Chairman Higgins read the eight conditions associated with the license. Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Campbell that the license renewal ought to pass with existing conditions; approved, 5-0; **Kenneth L. O'Connor and Thomas F. Norton dba City Line Motors:** Chairman Higgins said there is a limit of eight vehicles, no more than six of which can be stored outside. Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Campbell that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0; **Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company of Boston, Inc.:** Chairman Higgins said there are no limits and no conditions associated with the license. Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Campbell that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0; **Jeffrey Pollock dba Exclusive Automobiles:** Representing the applicant was Jeffrey Pollock, 7 Independence Drive, Woburn, MA. Chairman Higgins said the minutes from last year's license renewal meeting indicated Mr. Pollock was supposed to submit to the clerk information about sales. Alderman Mercer-Bruen said her recollection is Mr. Pollock was supposed to submit a breakdown of sales to brokers versus sales to individuals. Chairman Higgins said the clerk sent a letter to Mr. Pollock advising him of the meeting but was not able to contact him via telephone because he does not have voice mail. She said Mr. Pollock responded to the letter and she spoke to him before the meeting. She advised Mr. Pollock he needs to furnish the clerk with a telephone number that has voice mail capabilities. She said the committee requested correspondence from Mr. Pollock last year because there was a discrepancy that ended up in small claims court because he sold a car for parts. She said the committee ended up giving Mr. Pollock a warning last year. She said the committee asked Mr. Pollock to submit a ledger in May but that has not happened. She suggested the license renewal stay in committee until Mr. Pollock submits the requested information. Mr. Pollock asked when the committee will meet next. Chairman Higgins said she expects the committee will meet in two weeks. Alderman Concannon said his recollection is Mr. Pollock goes to auctions and buys vehicles, and the vehicles don't come to Woburn. Mr. Pollock said that is correct. He said the dispute last year was with one person and it was settled. He said the car was not sold for parts. Chairman Higgins said at this point the committee would like to see sales information for the entire year-to-date. Mr. Pollock said that request is very reasonable. He said he would provide that information to the clerk

within seven days. Chairman Higgins reminded Mr. Pollock to furnish the clerk with a phone number for the record. Mr. Pollock furnished the clerk with his phone number.; **George's Auto Body of Woburn, Inc.:** Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Campbell that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0; **Capelo's Auto Service, Inc. dba J.C. Auto Sales:** Alderman Campbell asked if there have been any problems associated with the business. Chairman Higgins said there are none. Motion made by Alderman Campbell and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0; **Joseph P. Mahoney Company, Inc.:** Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Campbell that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0; **Oliver M. & Bridget McDermottroe dba McDermottroe Auto Sales:** Chairman Higgins said she has never received any complaints about the business. Motion made by Alderman Campbell and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0; **McSheffrey Auto Sales, Inc.:** Chairman Higgins said this is the location at 878 Main Street. Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Campbell that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0; **Nicolas Saba dba Montvale Service:** Chairman Higgins said Mr. Saba has a pending special permit. Alderman Mercer-Bruen suggested holding the license application until after the council adjudicates the special permit in December; **Murray's Enterprises, Inc. dba Murray's Auto & Truck Sales:** Chairman Higgins said Mr. Murray did not check a box on the worker's compensation affidavit. Clerk said he contacted Ms. Tara Murray last week to advise her of the unchecked box but she has not come to the City Hall yet. Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Campbell that the license renewal ought to pass, conditional upon the applicant completing the workmen's compensation affidavit; approved, 5-0; **Veloze Enterprises, Inc. dba Rogers Radiator:** Alderman Tedesco said there have been no issues associated with the business. He said a fence that kept falling down was removed. Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Campbell that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0; **Adamo Rufo dba Route 16 Auto Broker:** Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Campbell that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0; **Tracy M. Batten dba Tracy's Auto Sales:** Alderman Campbell asked if there have been any issues associated with the business. Chairman Higgins said there have been none. Motion made by Alderman Campbell and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0; **Woburn Gas & Service, Inc.:** Chairman Higgins said there is a limit of five vehicles and there are five conditions associated with the license. Motion made by Alderman Campbell and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0; and **Wassim (Sam) Nicolas dba Woburn Square Mobil:** Chairman Higgins said there is a limit of two vehicles and there are two conditions associated with the license. Alderman Gately said he has never had a complaint about the business. Motion made by Alderman Campbell and seconded by Alderman Mercer-Bruen that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0.

Third Class Motor Vehicle Sales License renewal by Woburn Truck and Auto, Inc.: Alderman Tedesco said there are no issues associated with the business. Motion made by Alderman Campbell and seconded by Alderman Concannon that the license renewal ought to pass; approved, 5-0.

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Motion made by Alderman Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Alderman Campbell to adjourn, all in favor, 5-0. Chairman Higgins adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees