

**Woburn License Commission
Woburn City Hall
Committee Room – 6 p.m.
February 13, 2020**

Voting Members present: Chairman Thomas Skeffington, Commissioner David Gilgun
and Commissioner William Pappalardo.

Chairman Skeffington convened the meeting of the License Commission at 6 p.m.

- 1. Canal Park Services LLC dba Crowne Plaza Boston Woburn, 15 Middlesex Canal Park Drive, application for change of manager; review of identification scanning procedures:** Representing the Crowne Plaza was Christopher Hartzell, manager. Mr. Hartzell said he went to court on Monday and took a plea to get the matter behind him. He said he spoke to ABCC Investigator Smith, who told him to confer with the local licensing authority. Commissioner Gilgun asked about the status of the change of manager application. Clerk of the commission said he advised Mr. Hartzell to submit any relevant paperwork from the court, and when that happens the clerk could file with the ABCC for reconsideration of the change of manager application. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the commission about the application. There were no respondents. Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Commissioner Pappalardo to submit the change of manager application for reconsideration, pending the receipt of relevant court documents from the petitioner; approved, 3-0. Chairman Skeffington asked about the status of identification scanning procedures at the licensed premises. Mr. Hartzell said identification scanning procedures are in place every Friday and Saturday night. He said security guards have been changed out and the entire management team has been changed. He said there has not been one call to Woburn Police about disturbances at the establishment since he took over. He said there is a police detail and an additional security guard.
- 2. Jake & Joe's Sports Grille, 230 Mishawum Road, request for extended hours for a boxing match on February 22, 2020:** Representing the petitioner was Brian Guglielmo, manager, Jake & Joe's. Mr. Guglielmo said Jake & Joe's did not include the February 22 event in a previous request for extended hours because the rights to show the fight were not obtained until January. He said Jake & Joe's has held off any promotion of the event because the commission had not yet granted approval. He said Jake & Joe's is looking for the same arrangement as in the past, with last call at 12:30 a.m., all drinks off the table at 1 a.m., and closure of the premises at 1:30 a.m. or upon the end of the last bout of the evening, but no later than 2 a.m. Commissioner Pappalardo said it seems like Jake & Joe's runs a good operation. Mr. Guglielmo said they have not yet had to close at 2 a.m. He said one UFC fight ended at 12:30 a.m. and the other ended at 1:15 a.m. Commissioner Gilgun said Conor MacGregor made quick work of his opponent in his last bout. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the commission about the application. There were no respondents. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun to grant the petition for extended hours on February 22, 2020; approved, 3-0.

- 3. St. Barbara Parish, 138 Cambridge Road, application for a special 1-day liquor license for a Lenten fish dinner from 3-9 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2020:** Representing the petitioner was MaryAnn Chortlon, 138 Cambridge Road, Woburn, MA. Ms. Chortlon said the event will be a little different than it has been in years past. She said the event will involve the Woburn Catholic Collaborative and the sponsor is St. Anthony's. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the commission about the application. There were no respondents. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun to grant the special 1-day liquor license and waive the application fee; approved, 3-0.
- 4. Woburn Public Library Foundation, 45 Pleasant Street, application for a special 1-day liquor license for a 1-year celebration from 6:30-10:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2020:** Representing the petitioner was Attorney Mark Salvati, President of the Woburn Public Library Foundation. Attorney Salvati said the caterer will be handling liquor service. He said there will be a sit-down dinner with alcohol. Chairman Skeffington asked if a special event permit is required. Attorney Salvati said a special event permit is not required. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the commission about the application. There were no respondents. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun to grant the special 1-day liquor license and waive the application fee; approved, 3-0.
- 5. St. Anthony Padua Parish, 851 Main Street, application for two special 1-day liquor licenses for a religious festival from 5-10:30 p.m. on Friday, May 29, 2020, and Saturday, May 30, 2020:** Representing St. Anthony Padua Parish was Michael Millette, 851 Main Street, Woburn, MA. Mr. Millette said this is the 75th anniversary of the festival and they are planning to expand it to two days this year. He said there will be barbecue on Friday and then the typical festival event on Saturday. He said police details have been hired. He said there are a few members of the parish who are TIPS certified and will be serving the alcohol. He said he has not yet received an insurance binder indicating liquor liability coverage. He submitted a map with a layout of the area indicating where the alcohol will be served. He said Budweiser will be serving beer from a truck that opens into a bar. Chairman Skeffington asked if people will be able to walk around the site with alcohol, or if they will be contained in a designated area. Mr. Millette said they can set up a zone with a perimeter. Chairman Skeffington said the commission requires the petitioner to indicate a designated drinking area. He said organizers with events like the Blues for Veterans concert and Step Out for Hospice designated drinking areas. Mr. Millette asked if the drinking area must be in an outside space. Commissioner Pappalardo said there is a tented area that is 75 feet by 30 feet. Chairman Skeffington said that is a big tent. Mr. Millette asked if the drinking area could also include an outside area so patrons could enjoy the weather. Commissioner Gilgun suggested the drinking area could extend to the ballpark fence. Chairman Skeffington said he thinks the commission needs to limit the drinking area to inside the tent and within 10 feet of the tent. Mr. Millette asked if the drinking area should be delineated with yellow tape. Chairman Skeffington said he would prefer an orange snow fence. Chairman Skeffington asked if the servers will be TIPS certified. Mr. Millette said there are six or seven servers who are TIPS certified. Chairman Skeffington said only people who are TIPS certified can serve the alcohol. He said the servers can be volunteers, but they must be TIPS

certified. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun to grant the special 1-day liquor licenses pending the submission of an insurance binder indicating liquor liability coverage, a restriction on alcohol service to no farther than 10 feet beyond the 75-foot by 30-foot tent shown on the area map, and waive the application fee; approved, 3-0.

6. Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 70 Montvale Avenue, application for a special 1-day liquor license for a Mardi Gras festival from 5-10 p.m. on Saturday, February 22, 2020: Representing the petitioner was Taki Lembropoulos, 70 Montvale Avenue, Woburn, MA. Chairman Skeffington asked if this event is like the Mardi Gras events that have been held in past years. Mr. Lembropoulos said it is. He said Wilma Thomas usually represents the Greek Church at License Commission meetings, but she was unable to attend tonight. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun to grant the special 1-day liquor license and waive the application fee; approved, 3-0.
7. **Approval of meeting minutes from January 16, 2020:** Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Commissioner Pappalardo to accept the minutes from the January 16, 2020 meeting; approved, 3-0.
8. **Any other matters that may be legally before the Commission:** Chairman Skeffington said the dates of the next three meetings will be March 26, 2020; April 16, 2020; and May 21, 2020.
9. **Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Commissioner Pappalardo to adjourn;** approved, 3-0. Chairman Skeffington adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

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