

**Woburn License Commission
City Council Chamber
Thursday, April 14, 2022**

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

Also present: Woburn Police Capt. John Murphy, liaison to the License Commission

Chairman Skeffington convened the regular meeting of the License Commission at 6:30 p.m.

- 1. Hearing to determine the need for a ninth package store license in the city of Woburn:** Chairman Skeffington said Woburn was allotted a ninth package store number in November, based on the results of the 2020 U.S. Census that put Woburn's population at greater than 40,000. He said someone applied for the license before the Commission even knew it was available. He said the Commission is holding this meeting to gather feedback from the residents of Woburn about whether there is a need for another package store in the city of Woburn. He said at a previous meeting that if you go two miles in any direction from Woburn Center, you will run into at least two package stores. He said he would like to hear from the public. Attorney Mark Salvati, 57 Arlington Road, Woburn, MA, said he may be a bit prejudiced because one of his clients owns the property for which there was a lease agreement when the first applicant applied in November. He said the Commission may want to consider there are specialty stores, and the Commission could limit the license to certain specialties. He said the Commission may want to limit the license to beer and wine only, for which there may be a need downtown. Chairman Skeffington recognized City Council members Robert Ferullo, Jeffrey Dillon and Charles Viola in the audience and asked if they have any comments for the Commission. Councilor Ferullo said he is here to watch the proceedings. He said the Commission is doing a great job and he is here to support whatever is the will of the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun to table the hearing until the Commission's meeting on May 5, 2022; approved, 3-0.
- 2. Approval of agreement for outdoor dining between The BrickYard and the Woburn Redevelopment Authority:** Representing the BrickYard was Attorney Mark Salvati, 57 Arlington Road, Woburn, MA. He said the WRA and his client have a lease agreement. He thanked the Commission for including consideration of this agreement on the agenda. He said his client is excited to begin outdoor dining once the good weather starts. He said the agreement is essentially the same as it has been in previous years except for a \$500 increase. Chairman Skeffington asked where the insurance binder is that needs to be submitted for the renewal of the BrickYard's Common Victualer's license. Attorney Salvati said he will submit that tomorrow. Commissioner Gilgun said he would make the approval of the lease agreement contingent upon submission of the all the documents required for renewal of the Common Victualer's license. Commissioner Pappalardo said the outdoor dining component at the BrickYard has been a great add for the city. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun to approve

the lease agreement between the WRA and the BrickYard contingent upon submission of all documents for the renewal of the Common Victualer's license; approved, 3-0.

- 3. Approval of Common Victualer's licenses:** Chairman Skeffington said the following establishments have not yet submitted paperwork to renew their Common Victualer's licenses: Andrea's Pizza, for the third consecutive year; B. Good, for the third consecutive year; Cava Mezze Grill, Crowne Plaza, Diner in the Park, Dog House Bar & Grill, Dunkin Donuts, 185 Cambridge Road; Dunkin' Donuts, 344 Washington Street; Dona Lala, Epicurean Feast at American Tower, Levant Delight, On the Border, Pinxto Pincho, Pizza Market, The Restaurant, Revolution Catering, Sophisa Restaurant, Taste of Brazil, Woburn Bowladrome, Wu Burger. He said this year, it's the end. He said any establishments that have not submitted applications for renewal by the Commission's meeting on April 28 will be in violation. He said he wants all the people who have not submitted renewal forms at the next meeting, to advise them they are operating illegally. He said he would be happy to take a motion to approve all the Common Victualer's applications that are complete. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun to approve the complete applications for renewal of Common Victualer's licenses; approved, 3-0.
- 4. Any other matters that may be legally before the Commission:** None.
- 5. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun to adjourn; approved, 3-0.** Chairman Skeffington adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

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