

**Woburn License Commission
City Council Chamber
Thursday, May 5, 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 the commission is seeking input from the public to determine there is a need for a new package store license that was granted about four months ago. He said he wants to set the record straight. He said at no time did the board designate an area that this license has to go to. He said the commission never took a vote that the license was needed. He said the license does not have to go in any designated area. He said the license can go anywhere. He said the commission has not made a determination the license is needed. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the board about the issuance of the package store license. There were no respondents. Commissioner Gilgun asked if a man wearing a red shirt in the audience raised his hand. Chairman Skeffington acknowledged a man in a red shirt in the audience, but the man did not indicate he wished to address the commission.

2. **Any other matters that may be legally before the Commission:** Chairman Skeffington said he spoke to Capt. Murphy last week about issues with common victualer's licenses. He said he wants to bring this up tonight. He said he mentioned fines and other sanctions at the April 28 meeting. He said if you read MGL Ch. 140 Section 9, the commission has the jurisdiction to suspend or revoke innholders and common victualer's licenses. He said MGL allows the commission to immediately revoke a common victualer's license after notice. He said there is also a series of fines as follows: 1st offense, fines between \$500-\$1,000; 2nd offense, fines between \$1,000-\$2,000; 3rd offense, fines between \$2,000-\$5,000; 4th offense, fines between \$5,000-\$10,000; and 5th offense, fines of not less than \$10,000. He said to him that seems pretty self-explanatory. Commissioner Pappalardo said he agrees. Commissioner Gilgun asked if there is an end to the public hearings on the new package store license. Chairman Skeffington said the commission has been advised by the ABCC not to accept nor adjudicate any applications that are submitted until the appeal hearings occur. Commissioner Pappalardo asked if the board can vote at the June meeting whether it wants to issue the ninth package store license. Chairman Skeffington said the commission cannot do anything with the license until then. Clerk said the appeal hearings are on May 25 and June 1. He said the ABCC send an advisory requesting the commission to refrain from accepting or voting on any new applications for the package store license. Chairman Skeffington said the commission has now held two meetings to solicit opinion from the public about whether the package store license should be issued, and only one person spoke. He said the one person who spoke was a representative of a property owner who had a pending lease agreement with an applicant for the package

store license. He said the commission denied that application last November. Commissioner Gilgun acknowledged the receipt of a letter from an attorney representing one of the appellants and asked if the commission should receive the letter and put it in the file. Motion made by Commissioner Gilgun and seconded by Commissioner Pappalardo to receive and place on file a letter dated May 5, 2022, from Attorney Samuel A. Vitali, 60 Andrew St., Lynn, MA, entitled “re: Daylu (sic) Inc., Sandip Patel, President;” approved, 3-0.

- 3. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun to adjourn; approved, 3-0.** Chairman Skeffington adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

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