

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER

**MARCH 26, 2015**

LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBERS

**Commission Members Present:** Karon Shea, Chairperson  
Anthony Salvidio, Commissioner  
Walter Shea, Commissioner

**Commission Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Stephen Rolle, Planning & Regulatory Services  
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services  
Alexandra Haralambous, Law Department  
Lt. James Johnson, Worcester Police Department  
James Foley, Inspectional Services

**Call to Order – 10:00 a.m.**

**Approval of the Minutes** – March 12, 2015

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes for March 12, 2015.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests:**

1. Petition: Request for one day liquor license
  - April 2, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
  - May 5, 2015 – 2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Petitioner: Chartwells, 10 Lincoln Square

Kristi DeCisero appeared on behalf of the items. She stated that April 2, 2015 is for a reception and that May 5, 2015 is for a project presentation.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the two one day licenses.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received March 5, 2015 and dated March 5, 2015.

2. Petition: Request for one day liquor licenses

- June 17, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
- June 18, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- June 19, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
- June 17, 2015 – 5:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

Petitioner: Chartwells, 100 Institute Road

Kristi DeCisero appeared on behalf of the items. She stated that this is for a four day conference which is held by the same group.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the four one day liquor licenses.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received March 5, 2015 and dated March 5, 2015.

3. Petition: Request for entertainment license for dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system – August 30, 2015 – Noon-5:00 p.m.

Petitioner: Worcester Caribbean American Carnival Association,  
Park Avenue/Chandler to Institute Park

Jennifer Gaston appeared on behalf of the application. She stated that this is for an annual parade and there will be floats and music.

Commissioner Salvidio asked what the hours of event would be. Ms. Gaston stated that the parade starts around 1:30 and wraps up around 4:30 pm.

Commission Salvidio stated that there is concern as they received several noise complaints when the event was held last year.

Ms. Gaston stated that she was aware of that and they have modified the parade route and have been working with police to make sure noise is at acceptable level.

Lt. Johnson stated that she may need extra police detail at event to control noise and crowd and Ms. Gaston stated that she is working with off-duty detail office on that to make sure things are under control.

Commissioner Salvidio wished Ms. Gatson well with event but told her to make sure she keeps close watch on noise as if they receive complaints they may not be able to get license the following year.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received March 9, 2015 and dated March 9, 2015.

**Common Victualer License Requests:**

4. Petition: Request for common victualer license

Petitioner: Paradise Pizza, 60 South Ludlow Street

Elena Tekelis appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that he will be taking over an existing pizza restaurant.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received March 16, 2015 and dated March 16, 2015.

**Alcohol & Entertainment Permit Applications:**

5. Petition: Request for change of manager

Petitioner: Apple New England, 632 Park Avenue

Stephen John Merlo appeared on behalf of the application.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of manager.

Exhibit A: Application for change of manager received March 17, 2015 and dated March 17, 2015.

6. Petition: Request for package store malt & wine license

Petitioner: George Floyd Mini Mart, Inc., 687 Millbury Street

Commissioner Shea recused himself from this item and left the room. (10:03 a.m.)

George Kentar appeared on behalf of the item.

Chair Shea stated that the Commissioners and Lt. Johnson had visited the site prior to the meeting.

Chair Shea stated that they had concern about the amount of space at store and what Mr. Kentar plans to put in there.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that it does not seem like an appropriate size location as it is small and existing items are squeezed in and even if deli was removed there would probably only be room for one cooler and between the storage of alcohol and display of it there is not enough physical space.

Mr. Kentar stated that he has invested a lot of money in the business last year by adding the deli and he is willing to take out deli if necessary.

Chair Shea stated that store is compact. Mr. Kentar stated that he would clear it out and make space.

Chair stated that there is also concern of need and there is a store right at the end of Millbury Street.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that the Commission had also denied the WalMart in the area a liquor license and they do not see a need.

Mr. Kentar stated that it was a hard year last year and he lost \$40,000. Commissioner Salvidio stated that adding one cooler would not change that.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that the physical space is not there and the area is already well served.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to deny the package store malt & wine license due the fact that the area is well served and it is not an appropriate space.

Exhibit A: Application for package store malt & wine license received March 10, 2025 and dated March 10, 2015.

Commissioner Shea returned to meeting room at 10:15 a.m.

7. Petition: Request for package store malt & wine license

Petitioner: Marlyn Gas Corporation, 177 Southwest Cutoff

Attorney Anthony Luzzo along with George Youssef appeared on behalf of the application.

Chair Shea stated that the Commissioners and Lt. Johnson had viewed the property prior to the meeting and were impressed with the set up and amount of security cameras in use.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that in terms of appropriateness this is appropriate site as has security, controls in store are good and the area is not well served but he stated he would prefer that there be no dry display and that all alcohol must be contained in coolers and appropriately locked during off hours. Attorney Luzzo stated that they were fine with those conditions.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the package store malt & wine license with the condition that no dry display and that all alcohol must be contained in coolers and appropriately locked during off hours.

Exhibit A: Application for package store malt & wine license received March 9, 2025 and dated March 9, 2015.

**Violation Hearings**

None

**Communications**

ABCC Notice of Hearing – JED Restaurant – April 7, 2015-No comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.