

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
June 3, 2013

ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBERS

Commission Members Present:

Paul Mullan, Commissioner
Anthony Salvidio, Commissioner

Absent: Karon Shea, Chairperson

Staff Present:

Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulator Services
Lt. James Johnson, Worcester Police Department
Alexandra Haralambous, Law Department

Call to Order –

Commissioner Mullan called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Approval of the Minutes –

4/11/2013, 4/25/2013, 5/9/2013, 5/23/2013-Minutes were held

Old Business

1. 414 Massasoit Road – Request for one day liquor license:

Richard Romaine appeared on behalf of the item. Mr. Romaine stated that this license is for a wedding on June 22, 2013 at the Massachusetts Aubodon Society with about 60 people in attendance and event will be from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license for Richard Romaine.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license, received on May 30, 2013 and dated May 30, 2013.

**2. 278 Shrewsbury Street- Paul Barber – Request for two one day liquor licenses:
278 Shrewsbury Street – Paul Barber – Request for two entertainment licenses:**

Paul Barber appeared on behalf of the petitions. Mr. Barber stated one event is for June 18, 2013 and is for the Taste of Shrewsbury Street and will run from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and the other is for July 3, 2013 and is for the Worcester fireworks and will run from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Commissioner Mullan stated that Commission had received a letter of support of event from Bob Murdock and email from John Doley, an abutter, stating the he had spoken with Mr. Barber about the events and asked that the music be kept to a reasonable decibel level via reducing the amplification or use of acoustic acts.

Paul Giorgio, Worcester resident, stated he is in support of the petition.

Ben Roche stated he is in support of the petition and there have been no negative effects in neighborhood because of these events.

Joe Smalley, an abutter, stated he is not so much against the events but has problems with the noise from the bands and asked how many other events does applicant intend to apply for over summer.

Commissioner Mullan stated the applicant has the right to bring in applications the way he so chooses and if noise is too loud there are ways to deal with it and suggested calling Police if noise becomes too loud.

Commissioner Salvidio asked if applicant could end the music by 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Barber stated that for Taste of Shrewsbury Street he would have no problem with that but the fireworks go well into the evening and would like to end at 11:00 that evening.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the two one day liquor permits for Paul Barber and the two entertainment applications with June 18, 2013 being approved to 10:00 p.m. and July 3, 2013 being approved to 11:00 p.m.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license, received on May 30, 2013 and dated May 2013.

Exhibit B: Letter from Bob Murdock, dated June 11, 2013, received June 13, 2013.

Exhibit C: Email from John Dooley, dated June 13, 2013, received June 13, 2013.

3. 10 Lincoln Square – Chartwells – Request for one day liquor permit

Bill Battelle, from Chartwells appeared on behalf of the application. Mr. Battelle stated this is March of Dimes reception which will be held at 10 Lincoln Square and 60 people are expected and event is from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvdio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor permit for June 20, 2013.

Exhibit: Application for one day liquor license received, May 6, 2013 and dated May 6, 2013.

4. 221-237 Chandler Street – BA Events – Request for three one day liquor permits

Paul Colleyer, from BA Events, appeared on behalf of the application. Mr. Colleyer stated this is for the sixth annual jazz festival on June 21, 22, 23, 2013 which is held on Chandler Street. Fifteen bands will perform and about 3,000 people are expected. Mr. Colleyer stated that police details have been hired for event.

Commission Mullan asked Mr. Colleyer to confirm where site is. Mr. Colleyer responded the site is on Chandler and Austin Streets and a fence is place around the lot with one entrance and a police detail is present 24 hours to prevent any problems.

Commissioner Mullan stated the Commission has never received any complaints and event is well run.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the three one day permits for June 21, 22, 23, 2013.

Exhibits: Application for three one day liquor permits received, May 30, 2013 and dated May 30, 2013.

5. 21 Cedar Street – Children’s Friend, Inc. – Request for entertainment license

Ms. Steele stated application had been withdrawn.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received, May 30, 2013 and dated May 30, 2013.

6. 7 Columbus Park – Shrewsbury Street – Request for entertainment license

Ms. Steele stated application had been withdrawn.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received, May 30, 2013 and dated May 30, 2013.

7. 50 Greenwood Street – Request for common victualer license

Sokol Salvi appeared on behalf of the application. Mr. Salvi stated this will be a pizza restaurant.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license for 50 Greenwood Street.

Exhibit: Application for common victualer license received on June 5, 2013 and dated June 5, 2013.

8. 118 Cambridge Street – Request for common victualer license

George Owsusu appeared on behalf of the application and stated this will be an African restaurant.

Commissioner Mullan stated that this site has had previous problems with owners selling alcohol without a license and reminded applicant to not sell or give away alcohol at this location.

Exhibit: Application for common victualer license received June 13, 2013 and dated June 13, 2013.

9. 241A Lincoln Street – Request for common victualer license

Flaviano Tolentino appeared on behalf of the application and stated this will be a grocery store with a meat market.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license for 241A Lincoln Street.

Exhibit: Application for common victualer license received June 6, 2013 and dated June 6, 2013.

10. 394 Belmont Street – Request for common victualer all alcohol license

Michael Bernier and John Piccolo appeared on behalf of the application and stated this will be a restaurant serving lunch and dinner and would like to sell alcohol.

Commissioner Mullan stated that location and received a Special Permit from Zoning Board of Appeals with conditions which are as follows:

- That the hours be limited to 11:30 am to 9:00 pm Sunday through Thursday and 11:30 am to 10:00 pm Friday and Saturday.
- That occupancy is limited to 48 seats.
- That no bar set up is allowed
- No outdoor seating is allowed

Mr. Bernier stated that he believed the occupancy set by Inspectional Services was 68. Staff reminded applicant that seating was determined by Zoning Board of Appeals and to change the seating applicant would need to file amendment with that Board.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer all alcohol license with the conditions set by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer all alcohol license dated May 21, 2013 and received May 21, 2013.

Exhibit B: Zoning Board of Appeals decision from May 20, 2013 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

11. 264-255 Park Avenue – Jusstevin – Request for alteration of premises

Attorney Jonathan Finkelstein and Stephen Hopkins appeared on behalf of the application. Commissioner Mullan stated that the Commissioners along with Lt. Johnson had viewed the site prior to meeting.

Mr. Hopkins stated that request is for an outdoor patio and he has placed a decorative fence around the outdoor area.

Ms. Steele asked for clarification on number of tables and hours for outdoor area.

Mr. Hopkins stated it will be for five tables with four seats per table and like to keep area open until 11:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the alteration of premises for outdoor patio for five tables with four seats per table and closing of 11:00 p.m. for outside area.

Exhibit: Application for alteration of premises received May 21, 2013 and dated May 21, 2013.

12. 265 Park Avenue – Letrim’s, Inc. – Request for alteration of premises

Rebecca Laramee appeared on behalf of application and stated she would like to have sidewalk dining with alcohol service. Commissioner Mullan stated that the Commission and Lt. Johnson and viewed the site that morning and Mr. Rosenbloom, an abutter, to the property had come over and had expressed concern about the outdoor dining and amount of traffic in area.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the alteration of premises for sidewalk dining.

Exhibit: Application for alteration of premise received May 20, 2013 and dated May 20, 2013.

13. 179-181 Lake Avenue – Worcester Detachment Marine Corps League – Request for change of manager

Jon Zwirbilia and Paul Manna appeared on behalf of application. Mr. Manna stated he is applying to take over as manager of the premises.

Lt. Johnson stated Mr. Manna had passed background check.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the change of manager.

Exhibit: Application for change of manager received May 29, 2013 and dated May 29, 2013.

14. 154 Shrewsbury Street – Brandy Snifter – Rescinding approval of transfer of liquor license

Ms. Steele stated the Commission had approved this application in December and had been disapproved by Department of Revenue due to taxes and as of this date no certificate of good standing has been submitted so application could be resubmitted.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to rescind approval of the transfer of the liquor license.

15. 545 Southwest Cutoff – Papa Gino’s – Rescinding approval of liquor license

Ms. Steele stated the Commission had approved this license in Fall of 2012 and state had returned for additional information. As of this date, nothing has been submitted.

The Commission decided to hold for few weeks to see if additional information is submitted.

16. 1 Kelley Square – Salty Dog Saloon – Cessation of Business

The Commission had been notified that this establishment has closed and no longer operating. License holder was advised of meeting and no one appeared.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to rescind the liquor license for 1 Kelley Square due to cessation of business.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Salvidio the Commission voted 2-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 p.m.