

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
February 21, 2013

ESTHER HOWLAND CHAMBERS

Commission Members Present:

Karon Shea, Chairperson
Paul Mullan, Commissioner
Anthony Salvidio, Commissioner

Staff Present:

Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services
Marlyn Feliciano, Planning & Regulator Services
Alexandra Haralambous, Law Department
Jim Foley, Inspectional Services

Call to Order –

Chair Shea called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Approval of the Minutes –

No minutes were approved at this meeting.

Old Business

- 1. 867 Grafton Street - Fiesta Shows**
Petition: Request for carnival – April 3-7, 2013
7 Neponset Street - Fiesta Shows
Petition: Request for carnival – April 10-21, 2013

The applicant was not present therefore this item was postponed to the March 14, 2013 meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received on January 7, 2013 and dated January 7, 2013

New Business

One Day Liquor Requests

- 2. Jericho Road - Tiffany Lillie**

Petition: Request for one day liquor license – March 9, 2013

Peggy Mardsten appeared on behalf of application. She stated that the event was a fundraiser for 150 people on March 9, 2013. The event is from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm but they only plan to have a cash bar from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The servers for the event are TIPS certified.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license for Jericho Road for March 9, 2013.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor permit received via email on February 6, 2013 and dated February 6, 2013 for March 9, 2013.

3. 301 Park Avenue - Weidong Wang

4. 309 Park Avenue - Weidong Wang

Petition: Request for one day liquor license – March 10, 2013

Items #3 & #4 were taken up contemporaneously.

Ven Lee appeared on behalf of Weidong Wang. He stated that is a parking lot to the back of 301 & 309 Park Avenue (Kozara & Baba Sushi) that will have an area roped off in the back with kegs. Mr. Lee stated that they will provide police detail and port-a-potty for both sites. Kozara will open at 4 p.m. so people will enter the site through Baba Sushi, where the waiters and waitresses will card the individuals inside.

Commissioner Mullen stated that for the sake of consistency the hours for all of the St. Patrick's day parade events will be 11 am – 6 pm and they will all require to supply at least one port-a-potty.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license for 301 & 309 Park Avenue for March 10, 2013.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor permit for 301 Park Ave received on February 7, 2013 and dated February 7, 2013 for March 10, 2013.

Exhibit B: Application for one day liquor permit for 309 Park Ave received on February 7, 2013 and dated February 7, 2013 for March 10, 2013.

5. 257 Park Avenue - Dino Singas

Petition: Request for one day liquor license – March 10, 2013

Dino Singas stated that the event was scheduled for March 10 for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He will have live entertainment. He plans to enclose the parking lot with a temporary perimeter fence and the entrance will be on Pleasant Street, where there will be an employee checking IDs. He has arranged for police detail and three (3) port-a-potties.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan, the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license for 257 Park Avenue for March 10, 2013.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor permit received on February 5, 2013 and dated February 5, 2013

6. 266 Park Avenue - Stephen Hopkins

Petition: Request for (2) one day liquor licenses March 10, 2013 & September 15, 2013

Stephen Hopkins stated he was applying for two events. The first was for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 10, 2013 and the other for stART on the Street on September 15, 2013. On March 10, 2013 he plans to have a live band and will supply the police detail and the port-a-potty. He plans to have 13-15 staff members working security.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan, the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor licenses for 266 Park Avenue for March 10, 2013 and September 15, 2013.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor permit received on February 5, 2013 and dated February 5, 2013 for March 10, 2013 and for September 15, 2013.

7. 413 Park Avenue - John Bartosiwicz

Petition: Request for one day liquor license – March 10, 2013

John Bartosiwicz stated that he will provide two police detail and 2 port-a-potties for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He plans to have 15 employees working the event and 5 security staff.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan, the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor licenses for 413 Park Avenue for March 10, 2013.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor permit received on February 4, 2013 and dated February 4, 2013 for March 10, 2013.

8. 10 Lincoln Square - Bill Battelle

Petition: Request for one day liquor license – March 10, 2013

Bill Battelle stated that the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences is holding a St. Patrick's Day Parade reception and dinner for staff and volunteers at the ballroom at 10 Lincoln Square.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan, the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor licenses for 10 Lincoln Square for March 10, 2013.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor permit received on February 7, 2013 and dated February 7, 2013

9. 100 Institute Road - Bill Battelle

Petition: Request for (3) one day liquor licenses – May 31, 2013, June 1, 2013, June 1, 2013

Bill Battelle stated that the Worcester Polytechnic Institute was holding the Alumni Reunion Event on March 31, 2013 and June 1, 2013. There are three events taking place: the first is a reunion dinner on May 31, 2013, the other two is for lunch and dinner on June 1, 2013.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan, the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the three one day liquor licenses for 100 Institute Road.

Exhibit A: Applications for one day liquor permit received on February 7, 2013 and dated February 7, 2013

10. **10 Lincoln Square** - Bill Battelle

Petition: Request for one day liquor license – March 17, 2013

Bill Battelle stated that the event would take place on March 7 and not March 17. He states that is for an honor society ceremony for MCPHS.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan, the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor licenses for 10 Lincoln Square for March 7, 2013.

Exhibit A: Applications for one day liquor permit received on February 25, 2013 and dated February 24, 2013

11. **10 Lincoln Square** - Bill Battelle

Petition: Request for one day liquor license – April 8, 2013

Bill Battelle stated that this was for a MCPHS event called the Leadership Award Ceremony and Dinner that will take place April 8, 2013.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan, the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor licenses for 10 Lincoln Square for April 8, 2013.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor permit received on February 6, 2013 and dated February 6, 2013

12. **100 Institute Road** - Bill Battelle

Petition: Request for one day liquor license – June 22, 2013

Bill Battelle stated this was for Abby's House Fundraising event. They will have a cash bar entertainment, and food.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan, the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor licenses for 100 Institute Road for June 22, 2013.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor permit received on February 6, 2013 and dated February 6, 2013

13. **123 Summer Street** - Garden Fresh

Petition: Request for two one day liquor permits – March 13, 2013 & March 26, 2013

Dean Stanodis from Garden Fresh stated that the event on March 13, 2013 was a retirement party for Reliant's CEO. The event on March 26, 2013 is a Benefit for Wounded Warriors and will be a welcome event for the new CEO. Hospital security will provide security for both events.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan, the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor licenses for 23 Summer Street for March 13, 2013 and March 26, 2013.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor permit received on February 14, 2013 and dated February 14, 2013

14. **433 Park Avenue** - Nicole Brouillette

Petition: Request for one day permit - March 10, 2013

Nicole Brouillette, Beatnik's owner, stated this is her fourth year participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade festivities. Her plan is to temporarily fence off the parking lot. She stated she would provide police detail, a port-a-potty, and one security staff in the front and one in the rear.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan, the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor licenses for 433 Park Ave for March 10, 2013.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor permit received on February 14, 2013 and dated February 14, 2013

Common Victualer – Food Only

15. **395 Grafton Street** - Pupuseria & Restaurant La Salvado

Petition: Request for common victualer license

Raymundo Quintanilla stated that he used to have the same business on 82 Pleasant Street but it caught fire last year and he was just moving the business.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan, the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the Common Victualer license for 395 Grafton Street.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received on February 9, 2013 and dated February 9, 2013

16. **47 Blackstone River Road** - Singabells Pizza

Petition: Request for common victualer license

The Commission postponed this item to the March 14, 2013 meeting because no one showed up to testify on this item.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received on February 4, 2013 and dated February 4, 2013

17. **490 Lincoln Street** - Subway

Petition: Request for common victualer license

James Basille stated that he owns a Subway in Worcester already and he is planning on opening another one in the same plaza as Bob's Discount Furniture on Lincoln Street. Mr. Basille stated his wife is managing the existing one and he hopes this one does as well as the other one.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullen, the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the Common Victualer license for 490 Lincoln Street.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received on February 5, 2013 and dated February 5, 2013

18. **596 Main Street** - Restaurant Becca's Gourmet

Petition: Request for common victualer license

The Commission postponed this item to the March 14, 2013 meeting because no one showed up to testify on this item.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received on January 24, 2013 and dated January 24, 2013

Liquor Requests

19. **632 Park Avenue** - Apple New England, LLC

Petition: Request for change of manager to Thomas M. Little

Thomas Little stated he is the general manager for the Applebee's restaurant. He has 20 years experience in the food industry. He used to be the food and beverage director for the Crowne Plaza.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullen, the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of manager.

Exhibit A: Application for change of manager received on February 4, 2013 and dated January 21, 2013

Entertainment

20. **120 June Street** - LeMirage Café

Petition: Request for entertainment license for live music

The applicant requested a postponement to March 14, 2013 before the meeting.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received on January 4, 2013 and dated January 4, 2013

Other Business

21. Karyn E. Johnson, MA
Substance Abuse & Tobacco Prevention Coordinator
Worcester Division of Public Health

Karyn Johnson and her two colleagues, Sandra Anderson and Laurie Ross, presented to the Commission what the Public Health Department's awareness and prevention efforts are regarding substance abuse and tobacco for minors. After hearing their presentation, Commissioner Mullan asked Ms. Johnson if they would consider developing a two hour information session on alcohol rules and regulations. He asked if it could be offered twice a year and that the License Commission could require liquor license holders that sell to underage individuals to take this course. Ms. Johnson stated that she thought it was possible and would take the suggestion to her supervisor.

Exhibit A: Photographs received from Karyn E. Johnson at the February 21, 2013 License Commission meeting.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Commissioner Mullan, the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m.