

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

November 18, 2021

**Commission Members Participating:** Walter Shea, Chairman  
Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner  
Barbara Haller, Commissioner

**Commission Members Absent:**

**Staff Participating:** Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police  
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department.  
Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services

The Worcester License Commission meeting was held in person on November 18, 2021

Meeting attendees additionally had options to participate remotely by joining online or by phone using the following links;

- Use the following link to join the meeting via computer  
<https://cow.webex.com/meet/licensecommissionwebex> or
- Call 415-655-0001 (Access Code: 160 660 9360) for the License Commission.

**Call to Order** – 10:00 a.m.

**Minutes** – October 28, 2021

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the October 28, 2021 minutes.

**Common Victualer Requests**

1. **Rocco's Doughnut Company, 947 West Boylston Street**

- Hours: Thursday – Sunday – 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Joe Astrella, participating remotely stated that he will be opening his third doughnut shop. He stated that he plans to open on February 1, 2022.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license.

*List of Exhibits: Common victualer application received and dated November 9, 2021.*

**One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests**

## **2. Greater Good Imperial Brewing, Worcester Common**

Request for one day liquor license

- December 3, 2021 – 4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

John Ethier appeared for the application. He stated that this event is for the Festival of Lights that will be held on the Worcester Common and Worcester Police will be there for duration of the event.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

*List of Exhibits: One day liquor application received and dated November 9, 2021.*

## **3. Preservation Worcester, 425 Salisbury Street**

Request for one day liquor license

Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by entertainers, recorded music, and amplification system

- December 4, 2021 – 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Deborah Packard, participating remotely, stated that they plan to close down the entry and light up the road with holiday lights for the event. She stated that there will be two food trucks and entertainment.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

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*List of Exhibits: One day liquor application received and dated November 4, 2021.*

## **4. Kellie Shea, 226 Lincoln Street**

Request for one day liquor license

- November 27, 2021 – 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Karon Shea appeared on behalf of the application. She stated that this is a bingo fundraising party at St. Bernard's Church.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license

*List of Exhibits: One day liquor application received and dated November 5, 2021.*

## **5. Latitude Beverages/90+ Cellars, 139 Green Street**

Request for one day liquor license

- December 4, 2021 – 11:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Kesley Lemmon appeared on behalf of the application. She stated that this request is to sell wine at the Canal District Winter Stroll at Crompton Collective.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license

*List of Exhibits: One day liquor application received and dated November 5, 2021.*

## **6. The Bartending Service of New England, LLC, 1 College Street**

- November 27, 2021 – Hours-TBD

Attorney Mark Bornstein representing the College of Holy Cross, appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that the request is for the possible playoff game and same security plan for previous games will be in place and there will be no alcohol later than 10:00 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license

*List of Exhibits: One day liquor application received and dated November 5, 2021.*

## **Liquor & Entertainment Application Requests**

### **7. Nep Ops T, LLC, 503 Plantation Street**

- Request for change of manager

Haley Watts, participating remotely, called in for the application. She stated that the request for a change of manager.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one day liquor license

*List of Exhibits: One day liquor application received and dated October 27, 2021.*

### **8. Worcester Restaurant Corp, 89 Shrewsbury Street**

- Request for change of corporate name
- Request for change of manager

No one appeared for item. Staff stated that this request was for a change of corporate name and change of manager. Background check had been completed.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the request for change of corporate name and change of manager.

*List of Exhibits: One day liquor application received and dated October 27, 2021.*

## **9. Thacura, Inc., dba SkyBar Lounge, 1082 Main Street**

- Request for General on premises all alcohol license
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music, amplification system, moving picture show, light show, karaoke

David Thacker and Jermoe Barrett Brown appeared to present the application.

Chairman Shea stated that the Commissioners did a view of the premises prior to the meeting.

Mr. Thacker stated that this will be an upscale martini bar lounge.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the following;

- Request for General on premises all alcohol license
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music, amplification system, moving picture show, light show, karaoke

*List of Exhibits: Application for general on premises all alcohol license, common victualer license and entertainment license received and dated December 1, 2021.*

## **10. Creed Lounge, Inc., 41 Pleasant Street**

- Request to transfer restaurant all alcohol license from M&S Entertainment, Inc.
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for jukebox, dancing by patrons, live music, any other audio or visual show whether live or recorded specifically

Attorney David Rubin, Kelvin Paulino and Tatina King appeared on behalf of the application.

Mr. Rubin stated that they are looking to transfer license from M&S Entertainment.

Mr. Rubin stated that Ms. King has experience in the industry as she worked at the 99 Restaurant and is Tips certified.

The Commission stated that they will lift the previous restriction that M&S Entertainment had on license of being required to have a police detail but they would request that any promoted events over 100 people that they reach out to Worcester Police 14 days in advance of the event to let them know.

The Commission stated that there have been neighborhood concerns in the past and wanted to make sure that the new applicant is aware of that.

Mr. Rubin stated that the hours at the establishment would be Thursday – Sunday – 4:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. and a security firm will be hired to stay on premises to all the employees have left for the evening.

Commissioner Haller asked if the applicant plans to do promoted events to which Mr. Rubin stated that they intend to do that but will notify police in advance of the events.

Upon roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve;

- Request to transfer restaurant all alcohol license from M&S Entertainment, Inc.
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for jukebox, dancing by patrons, live music, any other audio or visual show whether live or recorded specifically

*List of Exhibits: Application for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license, common victualer license and entertainment license dated and received September 14, 2021.*

#### **11. Stella Ngonyo LLC 271 Grafton Street**

- Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from Diamond Inn The Rough LLC
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, amplification system, karaoke

Beth Njoroge appeared on behalf of application. She stated that she intends to take the existing establishment and renovate it and make it a more high end establishment.

Upon roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve;

- Request to transfer restaurant all alcohol license from M&S Entertainment, Inc.
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for jukebox, dancing by patrons, live music, any other audio or visual show whether live or recorded specifically

## **Other Business**

### **12. Revolution Pie & Pint, LLC, 50 Franklin Street –Status of change of ownership interest**

### **13. Craft Table and Bar, LLC, 50 Franklin Street- Status of change of ownership interest**

Attorney Michael Ford, participated remotely for items #12, #13. He stated that he has been attempting to obtain DOR certificates for the ABCC as the current ones have expired and hopes to have them by the end of the week.

Item filed

### **14. Interstate Management Co., LLC, 72 Grove Street – Status of transfer of license**

Attorney Alex Denapoli, participated remotely, stated that he has received the updated DOR certificates and they have been submitted to the ABCC.

Item filed.

### **15. Guertin’s Café, 139 Grand Street – Status of transfer of license**

Attorney Pavlos Gakis, participated remotely, stated that he has been attempting to obtain updated DOR certificates and hopes to have them by end of the week.

Item filed.

### **16. P.D’Errico & Sons, Inc., 141 East Central Street – status change officers/directors**

Item held to December 16, 2021.

### **17. Dubai Restaurant & Lounge, 27 Pleasant Street – Status of license**

Item held to December 16, 2021.

### **18. New Tradition, 7 Jackson Street – Status of license**

Joseph Weiss appeared to provide an update. He stated he was hoping to use the license last year but COVID struck and put everything on hold. He stated that he is doing construction and half way through it and hopes to open in January.

Item held to February 2022.

### **19. KKAP, LLC, 244 Main Street – Status of license**

Attorney Jonathan Finkelstein appeared to provide update. He stated that the license holder has done a lot of renovations and did hire a chef but due to COVID and now staff shortage has not been able to open but plans to open in Spring of 2022.

Item held to March 2022.

**20. Nuve Lounge, 751 Main Street – Status of license**

Enrique Crockett, participating remotely, stated the he is looking to open January 2022.

Item held to January 2022.

**21. La Casa Monfongo, 848 Main Street – Status of license & request to amend hour condition to be allowed to be open to 12:45 a.m.**

Daisy Rosario, participating remotely, stated that she has done a change of dba for the business and would to request that condition on her hours be extended to allow her to open to 12:45 a.m.

Commissioner Haller asked Sergeant Needham if he had any issue with the request. He stated that he did not.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to allow establishment to stay open to 12:45 a.m.

**22. TB Restaurant, LLC, 2 Mercantile Street – Status of license**

Item held to December 16, 2021.

**23. Narwhal, 160 Green Street – Status of license**

Item held to December 16, 2021.

**24. Fuel America, 100 Grove Street – Status of license**

Nicole Mohagheh, participating remotely, stated that they are still doing construction and plan to open in the new year.

Item held to January 2022.

**25. MAA Chintapurnia, Inc., 118-124 Water Street – Status of license**

Attorney Jonathan Finkelstein appeared on behalf of the license holder and stated that the license holder has done a lot of work on the property and plans to open in February 2022.

Item held to February 2022.

**26. CBE Worcester, LLC, 241 Southbridge Street – Status of license**

Item held to December 16, 2021.

**27. C&N Vietnamese Cuisine, Inc., 10 Millbury Street – Status of license**

Item held to December 16, 2021.

**28. Pizza Works, 456 Grove Street – Status of license**

Item held to December 16, 2021.

**Lodging licenses**

**29. 14 Oread Street – Status hearing**

Michael O'Rourke and Chris Valeri appeared on behalf of the hearing. Mr. O'Rourke stated that the fencing around the parking lot has been completed.

The Commission expressed their thanks for the work has been done at the property.

**Other business**

**30. Badoux Lounge, 802 Main Street – Discussion on tinted windows-**

Upon a roll call the Commission voted 3-0 to allow for leave to withdraw for the request.

**Violation Hearings**

None

**Communications**

None

**Adjournment**

Upon a motion made and duly seconded the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m.