

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE
LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBERS

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

Commission Members Absent: Walter Shea, Commissioner

Staff Present: Deborah Steele, Planning & Regulatory Services
Lt. James Johnson, Worcester Police Department
Jim Foley, Health Department

Approval of the Minutes – September 3, 2015

Upon a motion, the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the minutes for September 3, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Petitioner: JK Mart, 209-211 Chandler Street

The Commission continued this item until October 1, 2015 at the request of the applicant.

Exhibit A: Application for package store malt & wine license received July 21, 2015 and dated July 21, 2015.

2. Petition: Request for restaurant all alcohol license

Petitioner: The Calabash Enterprises, 33 Canterbury Street

Nikta Abdolrahim and Andrew Davis appeared on behalf of the item.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that the Commission members had viewed the site prior to their last meeting and have no issue with the restaurant portion of the application but the function room portion of the application will not work.

Ms. Abdolrahim stated that she had a revised business plan and presented it to the Commission.

She stated that she had made arrangements with a business in the area to use their lot for parking as well as utilize the off-street parking in the area.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that he does not see the function room working since he couldn't see how the neighborhood could absorb that amount of people parking when they attend functions.

Ms. Abdolrahim stated that she spoke to the neighbors and they didn't object.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that the plan being presented is only for 25 spaces.

Ms. Abolrahim stated that not all people will come in one car to a function and doesn't see how it would be an issue.

Chair Shea stated that the issue is that the capacity is so large and this is a residential area.

Ms. Abdolrahim stated that she would also have valet service.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that the capacity is 240 and only 25 parking spaces; that's insufficient parking for a residential area.

Ms. Abdolrhaim stated that customers can also park in street and the homes in the area have their own driveways.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that the homes in the area are multi-families and reiterated that he had no problem with the restaurant portion but using a former warehouse space as a function room will not work. He asked Mr. Foley what the occupancy was for the location.

Mr. Foley stated that the front restaurant has an occupancy of 40 seats but there is no occupancy permit for back area currently.

Chair Shea and Commissioner Salvidio both stated that they were impressed with the restaurant portion of the application and would have no problem approving that but the function room would cause too many problems with parking with the houses right on the street and asked Ms. Abdolrhaim if she would like the Commission to just go forward with the restaurant portion.

Ms. Abdolrhaim stated that she would.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license for the front restaurant portion of the building with occupancy of 40 seats and function hall is not included.

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received August 18, 2015 and dated August 18, 2015.

- 2a.** Petition: Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system, play, moving picture show floor show, light show, theatrical exhibition, karaoke, any other audio or visual show, whether live or recorded specifically.

Petitioner: The Calabash Enterprises, Inc. dba The Calabash, 33 Canterbury Street

Nikta Abdolrahim and Andrew Davis appeared on behalf of the item.

The Commission members stated that since the function room portion was not included that TV, radio, recorded music and live music is what they would allow for the restaurant portion.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the entertainment license as amended.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received August 18, 2015 and dated August 18, 2015

NEW BUSINESS

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests:

- 3.** Petition: Request for one day entertainment license
- October 10, 2015 – 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Petitioner: Webster Square Business Association, Webster Square Plaza

No one appeared for item.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day entertainment license received August 13, 2015 and dated August 13, 2015.

- 4.** Petition: Request for one day liquor license
- October 15, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Petitioner: YWCA of Central Massachusetts, 138 Green Street

Derek Grillo from Struck Catering appeared on behalf of the petition. He stated that this event is for about 100 people and will go to 8:00 p.m.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day license with the amended end time of 8:00 p.m.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received August 31, 2015 and dated August 31, 2015.

- 5.** Petition: Request for one day liquor license

- October 3, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Petitioner: Ecotarium, 222 Harrington Way

Joseph Cox appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this event is for a wedding reception.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received August 31, 2015 and dated August 31, 2015.

6. Petition: Request for one day liquor license
- October 3, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-Midnight

Petitioner: Paul Hanlon, 18 Cambridge Street

Matt Hanlon appeared on behalf of the item. He stated that this is for a small event and they are expecting about 75 people.

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received September 9, 2015 and dated September 9, 2015.

7. Petition: Request for one day liquor license
- September 23, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Petitioner: Troy Siebels, 2 Southbridge Street

Troy Siebels appeared on behalf of the application. He stated that this is a small reception party for the mural that is being painted on the theatre.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the one day liquor license

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received September 14, 2015 and dated September 14, 2015.

Common Victualer License Requests:

8. Petition: Request for common victualer license

Petitioner: Rice Violet, 287 Main Street

Achara Weydt appeared on behalf of the application. She stated that she is opening a Thai Restaurant and will be open for lunch and dinner.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the common victualer license.

Exhibit A: Application for common victualer license received September 1, 2015 and dated September 1, 2015.

Alcohol & Entertainment Permit Applications:

9. Petition: Request for change of manager

Petitioner: Ruby Tuesday, 537 Lincoln Street

Kerrie Marie Desautell appeared on behalf of the item.

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

Exhibit A: Application for change of manager received August 28, 2015 and dated August 28, 2015

10. Petition: Request for alteration of premises

Petitioner: Varsity Bar, 9 Kelley Square

John Keenan appeared on behalf of the item.

Chair Shea stated that herself and Lt. Johnson had visited the site prior to the meeting were very impressed.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the alteration of premises.

Exhibit A: Application for alteration of premises received September 1, 2015 and dated September 1, 2015.

11. Petition: Request for restaurant all alcohol license

Petitioner: Seven Hills Hospitality, LLC, 281 Main Street

Sean Woods and Jared Forman appeared on behalf of the item.

Commissioner Salvidio stated that he had viewed the premises prior to the meeting and stated that it will be a restaurant, bar and coffee shop and was impressed with their business plan.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license.

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received September 1, 2015 and dated September 1, 2015.

11a. Petition: Request for entertainment license for radio and TV

Petitioner: Seven Hills Hospitality, LLC, 281 Main Street

Sean Woods and Jared Forman appeared on behalf of the item.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 2-0 to approve the entertainment license.

Exhibit A: Application for entertainment license received September 2, 2015 and dated September 2, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.