

**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

**Senior Center
2nd Floor
Tufts Administration Building
167 Holland Street**

***DRAFT OF THE
Minutes of the Regular Meeting***

**Regular Meeting
Monday
March 18, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm. Present were Commissioners, Lynch, McKenna and Allen, Secretary to the Commission Lori Batzek, Sgt. Chaille a member of the Police and Lt. MacLaughlan a member of the Fire Dept., applicants and members of the public.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09pm

1. Minutes of February 11, 2019 Meeting

The Commission Approved these minutes

Communications

2. From the City Clerk conveying Draft Marijuana Regulations for Adult Use Marijuana Establishment Licenses in the City of Somerville

City Clerk John Long presented a chart of Adult-Use Substances Regulated by the City of Somerville for Cigarettes, Alcohol and City Clerk recommendations for Marijuana. The Commission approved the following recommendations: Licensing Commission Application Fee waived for 1 year (start date to be determined), Applicant is responsible for the cost of publishing the public hearing legal notice and mailing cost of the abutter notices. The term of the license expires on the first December 31st occurring after 4 years of licensure. Discussion followed pertaining to Violations for Marijuana reflecting those

for Alcohol Package Stores according to the CCC. Commissioner McKenna would like a follow up on the CCC regulation that states violations reflect Package Store Violations on Alcohol and Marijuana. A follow up on which rule is usually followed in Massachusetts, Cushings or Roberts Rules is also requested.

3. The Licensing Commission has instructed the Secretary to send a notice to appear before the Commission, for an explanation as to why the business has not complied with the instructions and matters discussed at the January 14, 2019 meeting for the following premises:

Pepe Bocca Italian Specialty Market, Inc.
d/b/a Pepe Bocca
414 Highland Ave.

This matter has been continued to the March 18, 2019 Licensing Commission Meeting

The Commission received a report from Sgt. Chaille pertaining to the premises noting the business is still under construction and closed for business. He observed a wooden bar with stools and a Harpoon Ale tap in place, which do not appear on the original floor plan submitted to the Licensing Commission and the ABCC for the Alcohol License. The Commission has not received the Affidavit of Hours requested at the January, 2019 Meeting. The Commission instructed the Licensee and his representative Attorney Mangalick to submit an Affidavit of Hours stating the Licensee is open Zero Hours. This effectively closes the business to the Public with no Food or Alcohol Service.

The Commission has continued this matter until the May 20, 2019 Licensing Commission Meeting

Common Victualler,
Entertainment by Devices,
Entertainment by Performers

4. Shaddai Restaurant LLC
d/b/a Shaddai Restaurant
89 Broadway
Humberto Montiel
Damaris Marte
*Previously Blessing Restaurant – Lavita Closeville AL17-000223
(AL19-000011)*

The Commission recommends that the applicant contact the Ward Councilor pertaining to the Entertainment by Performers License and Approved this Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices and Performers Licenses

**Common Victualler,
Entertainment by Devices**

5. Vinal Bakery LLC
d/b/a Vinal Bakery
222 Somerville Ave.
Sarah Murphy
Previously Pizza Palace
(AL19-000013)

The Commission Approved this Common Victualler and Entertainment by Devices Licenses

**Common Victualler,
Change of Location**

6. Sophiya Thakali
d/b/a Tasty Mo Mo
508 Medford St.
From: 503B to 508 Medford St. –AL17-000248
(AL19-000014)

The Commission Approved this Common Victualler License

**Change of Location, Change of Corporation,
Common Victualler,
Entertainment by Devices,
and Outdoor Patio Seating (on Public Property)**

7. Taqos LLC
d/b/a Taco Loco Mexican Grill
46-48 Broadway
Benjamin Morales, Juan Carlos Morales and Manuel B. Morales
Previously known as: Taco Loco Mexican Grill, LLC at 44 Broadway - AL17-000180
(AL19-000015)

East Somerville Main Streets spoke in support of this application.

The Commission approved this Change of Location, Change of Corporation, Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices, and Outdoor Patio Seating (on Public Property) Licenses

**Common Victualler,
Change of Hours**

8. Llazar, Inc.
d/b/a Davis Square Pizza & Subs
351 Highland Ave.
Erald A. Mici
Changing Hours From: Mon-Sun: 10am-12am To: Mon-Sun: 6am-12am
(ALM19-000001)

The Commission approved this Common Victualler Change in Hours

Special Alcohol License

9. **CHANGE OF VENUE:** M.O.M.'s Run 5K Run and Walk for Cancer, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for M.O.M.'s Run 5K Run and Walk for Cancer to be held Outdoors at Baxter Park at Assembly Row Area and the Mystic River Reservation, on Sunday, May 12, 2019 from 10:00am – 2:00pm
(PEL18-000251)
Previously approved for George Dilboy VFW Post 529, 351 Summer St. at the November, 2018 Licensing Commission Meeting

This change of venue was requested due to Road Closures and Construction being done in the George Dilboy VFW Post 529 Area. The applicant hopes to be back to the Dilboy Post next year.

The Commission approved this Change of Venue on this Special Alcohol License

10. Somerville Road Runners, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for The Race to the Row to be held Outdoors in a courtyard between Foley Street and Revolution Drive **Assembly Row Area** and the Mystic River Reservation, on Sunday, August 25, 2019 from 8:30am – 1:00pm
(PEL19-000013)

The Commission amended the start time of this event from 8:30am service of alcohol to 10:00am. Removal of Assembly Row Area and the Mystic River Reservation was removed from the description on this license.

The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License

11. Bow Market Entertainment, LLC, 337 Somerville Ave. requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for Record Store Day at Bow Market to be held Indoors and Outdoors at 337 Somerville Ave. on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 12:00pm – 10:00pm with a Rain Date of 4/14/19 (PEL19-000029)

The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License

12. Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine, 102 Broadway requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for Somerstreets: Carnaval to be held Indoors and Outdoors at Small outdoor fenced in seating Area and Inside the restaurant on Sunday, June 2, 2019 from 2:00pm – 6:00pm with a Rain Date of 6/9/19 (PEL19-000034)

East Somerville Main Streets spoke in support of this application.

The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License

13. Notch Brewing Mobil, 283 R Derby St. Salem requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for Taza Chocolate Block Party to be held Outdoors at a bar inside the closed-off Area at Taza Chocolate, 561 Windsor St. on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 12:00pm – 5:00pm with a Rain Date of 5/5/19 (PEL19-000035)

The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License

14. Forge Baking Company, 626A Somerville Ave. requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for In Season Dinner at Forge Baking Company to be held Indoors at the Inside the café from behind the current service area on **Thursday, April 11, 2019 and** Friday April 12, 2019 from 6:30pm – 9:30pm (PEL19-000036)

The applicant requested removal of the Thursday, April 11, 2019 date on this License.

The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License for 1 day only

15. Indignant Brewing Co, LLC d/b/a Winter Hill Brewing Company requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for a Proposed Beer Garden to be held Outdoors in The Lot, 49 Day St. on Saturday's, May 11,18,25, 2019, June 1,8,15,22,29,2019, July 6,13,20,27, 2019, August 3,10,17,24,31, 2019 September 7,14,21,28, 2019 and October 5, 2019 from 12:00pm – 11:00pm
(PEL19-000037)

Councilor Ballantyne and Councilor Davis sent requests to have a neighborhood meeting held to discuss this licensing concept for Davis Sq./Teele Sq. restaurant & bar businesses.

The applicant requested a continuance until the next Licensing Commission Meeting on April 8, 2019 to comply with the Councilors' requests.

The Commission Continued this item until the April 8, 2019 Licensing Commission Meeting

16. Far From The Tree Cider, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for a 2019 Spring Block Party to be held Outdoors alongside Notch Brewing's Beer Garden at a bar inside the closed-off Area at Taza Chocolate, 561 Windsor St. on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 12:00pm – 5:00pm with a Rain Date of 5/5/19
(PEL19-000039)

The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License

Existing Alcohol License
All Forms 7 Day Restaurant
Change of Manager

17. 99 Restaurants of Boston, LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant & Pub, 20 Cummings St. requesting approval for a Change of Manager from Michael Oscar Dirks to Graham Chateauneuf
(ALM19-000002)

The Commission approved this Change of Manager

18. Colwen Management, Inc. d/b/a The Row Hotel, 360 Foley St. requesting approval for a Change of Manager from Michael O'Shaughnessy to William Ward Childs (ALM19-000006)

The Commission approved this Change of Manager

Existing Alcohol License
All Forms Package Store License
Change of Stock Interest, Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Managers
and
Change of Ownership Interest

19. Joe's Liquor Inc. d/b/a Joe's Liquor, 168 Broadway requesting approval for a Change of Officers, Stock and Ownership Interest from Paul Robichaud as Treasurer, Secretary and Director with a 50% Interest to Paul Robichaud with a 100% Interest (increasing from a 50% interest) as President, Treasurer and Secretary (ALM18-000035)

The Commission approved this Change of Stock Interest, Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Manager and Change of Ownership Interest from Robert Robichaud to Paul Robichaud

Existing Alcohol License
Privately Held
All Forms 7 Day Restaurant, Common Victualler,
Entertainment by Devises Patrons and Performers
and a Private Patio License

20. Premier Restaurant Group LLC d/b/a da Vittorio, 519 Broadway requesting approval for a Transfer of an All Forms 7 Day Alcohol Restaurant License from The Uptown Café, Inc. d/b/a Johnny D's, 17 Holland St. to Premier Restaurant Group LLC d/b/a da Vittorio, 519 Broadway, a Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices, Patrons and Performers License and a Private Patio License

Previously owned by The Uptown Café d/b/a Johnny D's at 17 Holland St. –

AL17-000322
(AL19-000012)

Attorney requested to place this item on the Agenda and Advertised for April 8, 2019 meeting to comply with the 3 day abutters notification requirement