

**City of Somerville  
Licensing Commission**

**Remote Meeting Participation**

**Regular Meeting**

**Monday**

**May 18, 2020**

**6:00pm**

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***DRAFT OF THE***

***Minutes of the Regular Meeting***

***Posted 06/08/20 at 4:00pm***

***A recording of this meeting is available online***

***The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm. Present were Commissioners, Lynch and Allen, Secretary to the Commission Lori Batzek, Sgt. Warren Chaille, a member of the Police Department, Lt. MacLaughlan, a member of the Fire Dept., John Long, City Clerk, Applicants and members of the public.  
The meeting adjourned at 6:19pm***

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of the Licensing Commission will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website.

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1. Minutes of April 21, 2020 Meeting

***The Commission approved these minutes***

## Communications

- 1A. Commissioner Allen to propose Marijuana Policies and Procedures including a discussion of the proposed rules. A vote will be taken on this proposal to implement the adoption of these Policies and Procedures
- Commissioner Allen sent this Revision of the Somerville Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations to the Law Department for review. The Law Department has no legal concerns with the proposed changes. After further discussion on this matter, Commissioner Allen will request the Law Department to update Section 1.17, Permission to Close Premises Required, of the Rules and Regulations, to include Recreational Marijuana.*

*Commissioner Allen has heard back from the Law Dept. on this matter. They are working on this but do not yet have text for the commission to act on.*

*The Commission continued this item until the next Licensing Commission Meeting being held on June 15, 2020*

## **SPECIAL FARMER WINERY LICENSE**

2. Daniel Clapp d/b/a 1634 Meadery, 3 Short St., Ipswich, MA requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell Mead produced by the licensee for off-premises consumption for The Davis Square Farmers Market to be held at Day St. and Herbert St. on Wednesdays, May 20, 2020 through November 25, 2020, from 12:00pm-6:00pm (SFW20-000001)

*Daniel Clapp appeared for this application. Mr. Clapp has held multiple Farmer Winery Market licenses in the City of Somerville. He has previously been licensed for the Union Sq. Farmers Market, for the past 5 years, for both the Winter and Summer Markets. Mr. Clapp will follow the ABCC rules pertaining to no samples to be issued until this rule has been rescinded.*

*The Commission approved this Special Farmer Winery License*

## **NEW**

### **Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices And Outdoor Public Seating Licenses**

#### **Continued from 4/21/20 Meeting**

3. Yves Elysse  
d/b/a Sisters Caribbean Restaurant  
83 Broadway  
Yves Elysse and Rosedalie Elysse  
(AL20-000002)

This is the Notice of a Public Hearing for this Item. The Public is welcome to attend and be heard.

*Yves and Rosedalie Elysse appeared for this application. This has been a dream of theirs for a while, when they saw the empty space, they applied. They would like a small restaurant. Chairman Lynch suggested they speak with Economic Development as new restaurant owners for some help on the process. They may apply for Special Alcohol Licenses in the future. The Secretary indicates the application reads 10 seats, however the floor plan does not indicate the seats. An updated floor plan needs to be submitted.*

*The Commission approved this Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices and Outdoor Public Seating Licenses pending the updated floor plan submission*

## **COMMUNICATION**

*Chairman Lynch stated he would like the ABCC advisory pertaining to all on-premises consumption licensees remain prohibited from selling alcohol for on-premises consumption to the public until June 8, 2020 at the earliest and awaiting further notice by the Governor to be entered into the record.*