

**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

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

***DRAFT OF THE
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
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**Regular Meeting
Monday
August 19, 2019
6:00 p.m.
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The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm. Present were Commissioners, Lynch, McKenna and Allen, Secretary to the Commission Lori Batzek, and Sgt. Chaille a member of the Police Department, applicants and members of the public.

Absent was Lt. MacLaughla, a member of the Fire Dept.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

1. Minutes of July 15, 2019 Meeting

Commissioner Lynch provided an update on Recreational Marijuana licenses . The original anticipation, was the City of Somerville would provide the applications to be heard at the September meeting. The City has not provided the applications. Host Agreements are necessary and they have not been signed yet. The Licensing Commission will probably receive the applications by the end of August, the beginning of September, due to the public notice period, the commission will probably receive these applications for the October meeting.

Commissioner McKenna recused himself on approving these notes on the Recreational Marijuana update to these minutes, as he did not attend the June 10, 2019 meeting

The commission spoke on the status of the closure of Sassafras and the approval of closing the establishment for 3 months at the April 8, 2019 meeting, with instructions for the owner to come back to the August meeting to update the commission as to what he intended to do. No update has been provided. The Commission instructed the Secretary to notify the owner to appear at the September meeting.

The Commission Approved these minutes

Common Victualler and
Entertainment by Devices

2. Fortissimo Coffee House
75 Bow St.
Rodrigo Parreira Borges
M-F 7am-5pm, Sat 8am-5pm, Sun 8am-4pm
*Previous address – 365 Somerville Ave., AL19-000004
(AL19-000038)

Rodrigo Borges appeared for this application. He indicates everything is the same. The business is changing addresses. He states he already has entertainment by devices license.

The Commission approved this Common Victualler and Entertainment by Devices License

SPECIAL FARMER WINERY LICENSE

3. Aaronap Cellars, LLC d/b/a Aaronap Cellars, 28 Carlisle Rd., Westford, MA requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell Wine produced by the licensee for off-premises consumption for The Cheese Festival being held at The Armory Center for the Arts to be held at 191 Highland Ave., on Saturday, November 2, 2019 (approved by MDAR for 11/2/19) from 10:30am-4:00pm
(SFW19-000005)

Bridgette Bolduc appeared for this application.

Commissioner Lynch recused himself due to his position as Chair of the Arts at the Armory Advisory Committee

This is the 4th year for the Cheese Festival. Wine samples will be given in ½ ounce or less servings. Sales of bottles for off premise consumption, but no sales by the glass for on premises consumption will be served.

The Commission Approved this Special Farmer Winery License

Special Alcohol License

4. Latitude Beverage Company, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for the 9th Annual Dia de los Muertos Block Party, to be held Outdoors at Taza Chocolate, 561 Windsor St. on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 12:00pm – 5:00pm
(PEL19-000155)

Kelsey Lemmon appeared for this application. Latitude's Address is 20 Guest St., Brighton. They have not been involved in this event previously. Christine from Taza spoke on this event. Approximately 500 people will be in attendance. Detail Officer will be arranged. The street will be blocked off and servers will be Tips Certified.

The Commission Approved this Special Alcohol License

5. Indignant Brewing Co. LLC d/b/a Winter Hill Brewing Co, 328 Broadway requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for a Somerville Beer Fest, Benefiting The Welcome Project to be held Outdoors in the parking lot at 49 Day St. on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 12:00pm – 8:00pm
(PEL19-000162)

Breck Bailey appeared for this application. Approximately 160 people at a time expected. This will be an enclosed area with approximately 3000 sq. ft. Wristbands will be issued and Tips Certified bartenders will serve. Will only be serving beer at this event. Wine will be removed from the application. Ben A. executive director of the Welcome Project spoke on behalf of this application. This has been a no profit for the past 31 years. All proceeds will go to the Welcome Project.

The Commission Approved this Special Alcohol License

- 5a. Brooklyn Boulders, 12A Tyler St., requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for BKBDay 10 to be held Indoors at 12A Tyler St. on Friday, September 6, 2019 from 7:00pm – 11:00pm
(PEL19-000172)

Nicholas Medvescek appeared for this application. A number of Somerville vendors will be at this event. Will be capping off the evening with a storytelling/storyslam with mass mouth. Partnering with Sierra Nevada and Aeronaut. Will be using Tips Certified Bartenders and will get a Police Detail.

The Commission Approved this Special Alcohol License

6. 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 a Bow Market September Fun!, Bow Market Homecoming and Oktoberfest to be held Indoors and Outdoors in the courtyard at Bow market and indoors from existing businesses on Monday, September 16, 2019, Saturday, September 28, 2019 and Sunday, September 29, 2019 from 12:00pm – 10:00pm, with Rain Dates of 9/17/19 & 9/29/19 (PEL19-000175)

Zack Baum appeared for this application. For the Bow Market Homecoming will close premises for the 16th, closed to the public for an employee celebration day. The Oktoberfest event was held last year. They are looking to extend this event over 2 days to alleviate overwhelming crowds. Tips Certified Bartenders will serve and they will check ID's. Wristbands will be provided. Crowd Managers will be provided. Homecoming event approximately 200-300 people. Oktoberfest event approximately 500 people at a time, 1500 during the entire day, approximately 3000 total. The capacity is 994.

The Secretary will confirm alcohol sales are allowed for this private event (and premises closure) with the ABCC

The Commission Approved this Special Alcohol License

7. Groundwork Somerville, 1205 Hancock St., Quincy, MA requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for the Physical Culture presents: Groundwork to be held Outdoors at 138 South St. Farm on Saturday, August 31, 2019 from 1:00pm – 11:00pm, with a Rain Date of 9/1/19 (PEL19-000174)

Sal Lombarda and Jordan Maddocks appeared for this application. This is an outdoor ticketed event. Approximately 200 people, with DJ's and musicians. South St. Farm is near Taza Chocolate Factory. Tips Certified bartenders will serve. They have contacted the police department in the past and the police have elected not to have a detail at the event. Applicant states they received a text for permission to hold this event on SHA property. They will forward this to the Secretary.

The Commission Approved this Special Alcohol License

8. Somerville Education Foundation, 17 Kidder Ave. requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for SEF Summer Learning Campaign Celebration Event to be held Indoors at The Somerville Media Center, 90 Union Square on Friday, September 6, 2019, 2019 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm (PEL19-000178)

Greg Nadeau and Sam Porter appeared for this application. Commissioner Lynch has filed a Disclosure of Appearance of Interest, as he is a director of the board of directors

for The Somerville Media Center. This will be attached to the application. This event is being held to celebrate the Sound of Learning fundraising campaign which raised \$28,000. This is a 40 person ticketed event.

The Commission Approved this Special Alcohol License

9. Federal Realty Investment Trust, Assembly Row (Night Shift Brewing) requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for Riverfest to be held Outdoors at Baxter Park, Assembly Row on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 2:00pm – 9:00pm with a rain date of 9/15/19 (PEL19-000180)

Dana and Matt Mitchell appeared for this application. Approximately 13,000 will be in attendance.

The Commission Approved this Special Alcohol License

10. Deanos Pasta, 15 Garfield Ave. requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for the 9th Annual Foodie Crawl to be held Outdoors on Lower Broadway Beer Garden at Deano's Pasta Parking Lot on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 from 6:00pm – 10:00pm with a rain date of 9/18/19 (PEL19-000181)

Jennifer Atwood of ESMS appeared for this application. This is the 9th annual foodie crawl. This is a ticketed event with approximately 300-500 people. Tips Certified Bartenders will be serving. They will be partnering with Aeronaut. ID checks will be done. A police detail has been arranged. ESMS is providing entertainment in the parking lot (a public event license was applied for and approved). A food permit will be applied for.

Michael Henson on the Board of ESMS spoke in favor of this application.

The Commission Approved this Special Alcohol License

11. Indignant Brewing Co. LLC d/b/a Winter Hill Brewing Co, 328 Broadway requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for a Riverfest at Baxter Park Assembly Row to be held Outdoors at Baxter Park at Assembly Row on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 2:00pm – 9:00pm (PEL19-000185)

Breck Bailey appeared for this application. Tips Certified bartenders will be serving. Wristbands will be issued to customers. Police Detail will be in attendance. 13,000 estimated total in attendance.

The Commission Approved this Special Alcohol License

12. Redbones BBQ, 55 Chester St. requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for Oktoberfest 2019 to be held Outdoors from Elm St. to Herbert St. on Sunday, September 29, 2019 from 12:00pm – 6:00pm with a rain date of 10/06/19
(PEL19-000186)

No representative appeared for this application. The application was not approved. The Secretary will place this on the September 16, 2019 Agenda.

13. Once Somerville, 156 Highland Ave. requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for SomerStreets to be held Outdoors at in front of Once Somerville on Sunday, September 15, 2019 from 2:00pm – 6:00pm
(PEL19-000190)

Nina Goodman appeared for this application. This is the 4th year of this event. This will be a sectioned off area in front of the venue. Bands will be performing. This is a 21+ section and wristbands will be provided. Tips Certified bartenders will be serving.

The Commission Approved this Special Alcohol License

14. Federal Realty Investment Trust, Assembly Row (Latitude Beverage Company) requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for Riverfest to be held Outdoors at Baxter Park at Assembly Row on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 2:00pm – 9:00pm with a Rain Date of 9/15/19
(PEL19-000191)

Kelsey Lemmon appeared for this application. Vanessa Martinez from Federal Realty stated that State (DCR) permitting has been obtained for this event. Police and Fire have been contacted. This event will have a beer garden with 4 other breweries. It is the 14th year of this event. This is the 1st year with a beer garden. Approximately 13,000 people for the entire event and 1000 - 2000 participants for the beer garden. The applicant provided a copy of the site map.

The Commission Approved this Special Alcohol License

Existing Alcohol License
City License
All Forms Alcohol Restaurant
Assembly Row Area

Change of Manager

15. American Multi-Cinema, Inc. d/b/a AMC Theaters Assembly Row 12, 395 Artisan Way requesting approval for a Change of Manager from Kevin Hunt to David Barth (ALM19-000018)

No representative appeared for this application. The application was not approved. The Secretary will place this on the September 16, 2019 Agenda.

Existing Alcohol License
City License
All Forms Alcohol Restaurant
Private License

Transfer of Stock, New Stockholder, Pledge of License, Pledge of Inventory, Pledge of Stock and Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Manger

16. Union Square Group, Inc. d/b/a Brass Union, 70 Union Sq. requesting approval for a Transfer of Stock from Kim C. Roop, Trustee for Kenneth Kelly Trust to Jessica Willis, a New Stockholder, Jessica Willis, a Pledge of License, Stock and Inventory to Kim C. Roop, Trustee for Kenneth Kelly Trust, a Change of Officers from Kim Roop as President, Treasurer, Secretary, CEO & Director to Jessica Willis (ALM19-000016)

Jessica Willis and Kim Roop appeared for this application. This transfer is from a trust. No questions were brought forth.

The Commission approved this Transfer of Stock, New Stockholder, Pledge of License, Pledge of Inventory, Pledge of Stock and Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Manger

Existing Alcohol License
City License
All Forms Alcohol Restaurant
Private License

Transfer of Stock, New Stockholder, Pledge of License, Pledge of Inventory, Pledge of Stock and Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Manger

17. Prospect Hill Properties d/b/a The Independent, 75 Union Sq. requesting approval for a Transfer of Stock from Kim C. Roop, Trustee for Kenneth Kelly Trust to Jessica Willis, a New Stockholder, Jessica Willis, a Pledge of License, Stock and Inventory to Kim C. Roop, Trustee for Kenneth Kelly Trust, a Change of Officers from Kim Roop as President, Treasurer, Secretary, CEO & Director to Jessica Willis (ALM19-000017)

Jessica Willis and Kim Roop appeared for this application. No questions were brought forth.

The Commission approved this Transfer of Stock, New Stockholder, Pledge of License, Pledge of Inventory, Pledge of Stock and Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Manger

Existing Alcohol License
City License
All Forms Alcohol Restaurant
City Wide (City Held) License

Transfer of Stock, New Stockholder, Pledge of Stock, Change of Ownership Interest, Change of Stock Interest and a Change of Manager

18. The Rockwell Restaurant Group d/b/a Foundry on Elm, Saloon Davis, The Rockwell Theatre, 255 Elm St. requesting approval for a Transfer of Stock from Kim C. Roop, Trustee for Kenneth Kelly Trust to Jessica Willis, a New Stockholder, Jessica Willis, a Pledge of Stock to Kim C. Roop, Trustee for Kenneth Kelly Trust, a Change of Ownership Interest from Kim Roop as Manager to Jessica Willis, Change of Stock Interest from Kim Roop, Trustee for Kenneth Kelly Trust to Jessica Willis and a Change of Manager from Gary Benacquista to Christopher Yorty (ALM19-000015)

Jessica Willis and Kim Roop appeared for this application. No questions were brought forth. Applicant received prior approval from Commissioner Lynch, to answer any questions pertaining to the new manager.

The Commission approved this Transfer of Stock, New Stockholder, Pledge of Stock, Change of Ownership Interest, Change of Stock Interest and a Change of Manager

NEW Alcohol License

City License

All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License,

Common Victualler License, Entertainment by Devices License,

Outdoor (Private Patio) and Sunday Hours License

ASSEMBLY ROW Area

Chapter 142, Acts of 2016

19. Assembly River Bar LLC d/b/a The River Bar, 661 Assembly Row requesting approval for a NEW All Forms 7 Day Alcohol Restaurant License – Assembly Row Area, a Common Victualler License, an Entertainment by Devices, Outdoor (Private) Patio and Sunday Hours License
Currently has an All Forms – Assembly Row Area (Chap. 152, Acts of 2012), CV License AL17-000099 - Non Transferable License – New Owner, New License
Food Service Hours – Mon- Sun: 11:30am-11:00pm
Alcohol Service Hours – Mon- Sun: 11:30am-1:00am
Outdoor Food Service on Private Property - Mon- Sun: 11:30am-11:00pm
Outdoor Alcohol Service on Private Property - Mon- Sun: 11:30am-1:00am
(AL19-000030) – *New Owner, New License*

Attorney Anne Vigorito verbally requested this application be withdrawn without prejudice on August 12, 2019, email request received 8/13/19

The Commission made a notation on this Withdrawal without prejudice.

NEW Alcohol License
City License
All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License, Common Victualler,
Entertainment by Devices and Patrons
& Sunday Hours License

ENHANCEMENT Area
Chapter 142, Acts of 2016

20. Gorakhkali, LLC d/b/a Darbar Grill, 236 Elm St. requesting approval for a NEW All Forms 7 Day Alcohol Restaurant License – Enhancement Area, a Common Victualler License, an Entertainment by Devices and Patrons License and Sunday Hours License
Previously Punjabi Grill – AL17-000236
Food Service Hours – Sun-Thu: 11:30am-10pm & Fri-Sat: 11:30am-11pm
Alcohol Service Hours – Sun-Thu: 11:30am-10pm & Fri-Sat: 11:30am-11pm
(AL19-000039)

Radheshyam Shrestha appeared for this application. Applicant has a convenience store and a restaurant in Cambridge. He has been a manager for 5 years for a restaurant in Michigan. He is currently working at Wholefood and wants to open his own restaurant. He has spoken with Economic Development and they have submitted a recommendation of approval for this license. There is parking located in the back of the restaurant. There are no Indian Restaurants currently in Davis Sq. Patrons will sing at private events.

The Secretary will correct and amend the hours of operation for Food & Alcohol Service.

The Commission Approved these All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License, Common Victualler License, Entertainment by Devices and Patrons License & Sunday Hours License with the Hours of Operation to be corrected and amended by the Secretary.

LATE ITEMS
Special Alcohol License

21. WM Brewing Company d/b/a Widow Maker Brewing, 220 Wood Road, Braintree, MA requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for Riverfest to be held Outdoors at Baxter Park at Assembly Row on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 2:00pm – 9:00pm with a Rain Date of 9/15/19
(PEL19-000201)

Michael Donald appeared for this application. Widow Maker has not done an event in Somerville prior to this event. They are partnered up Nightshift Distribution to this area. They self-distribute on the South Shore.

The Commission Approved this Special Alcohol License

22. Somerville Brewing Company, 15 Ward St., requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for Riverfest to be held Outdoors at Baxter Park at Assembly Row on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 2:00pm – 9:00pm with a Rain Date of 9/15/19
(PEL19-000202)

Kaitlyn Jewel appeared for this application. 13, 000 people are expected at this event. No further questions from the commission.

The Commission Approved this Special Alcohol License