



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

**Thursday, August 10, 2023**

**Commissioners Present:** Anthony Vigliotti, Chair  
Charran Fisher, Commissioner  
Maritza Cruz, Commissioner

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department  
Sergeant Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department  
Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

**Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.**

**Minutes: July 13, 2023**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of July 13, 2023.

**One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests**

**1. Kenneth Howell, 100 Barber Avenue  
Request for one day liquor license**

**Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, amplification system**

- **Saturday-October 7, 2023 – 4:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.**

Kenneth Howell, participating remotely, stated that this event is for his wedding that will take place on October 7, 2023 and he expects no more than 80 people at the event and a certified bartender will be present.

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

*List of Exhibits: Applications for one day liquor and one day entertainment licenses received and dated July 11, 2023*

**2. The Bartending Service of New England, LLC, Fitton Field**

**Request for one day liquor license**

- **Saturday-September 2, 2023**
- **Saturday-September 23, 2023**
- **Saturday-October 21, 2023**
- **Saturday-November 18, 2023**  
**(90 Minutes before kickoff until end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter)**

Nick Smith from the College of the Holy Cross and Bill Fuller from the Bartending Service appeared upon behalf of the applications.

Mr. Smith stated that they will be serving alcohol at the home games.

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

*List of Exhibits: Applications for one day liquor licenses received and dated July 17, 2023.*

**3. Worcester Hibernian Cultural Center, 19 Temple Street (outside)**

**Request for one day liquor license**

**Request for one day entertainment license for live music**

- **Saturday-September 9, 2023 – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Brendan Moran from the Canal Diggers Road Race appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated that this is the 17<sup>th</sup> year doing the event and they will have TIPS certified bartender and an off duty will be present. He stated that people will need to have a wrist band in order to purchase the alcohol.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission to approve the one-day liquor and one day entertainment licenses.

*List of Exhibits: Applications for one day liquor and entertainment license received and dated July 18, 2023.*

**4. Pride Worcester, Worcester Common**

**Request for one day liquor license**

**Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system**

- **Saturday-September 9, 2023 – 2:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.**

Ariana Dello Stritto appeared upon behalf of the applications. She stated that this festival has been held for several years and they will have TIPS certified bartenders along with a police detail.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor and entertainment license received and dated July 21, 2023.*

**5. Thomas Lee, 69 Green Street parking lot**

**Request for one day liquor license**

- **Friday-September 8, 2023-7:30 p.m. – 1:30 a.m.**

Thomas Lee, participating remotely, stated that date of event will be September 2, 2023. He stated that this will be the Pride Kickoff party. He stated that all his bartenders are TIPS certified and he will have security for the event.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one-day liquor license with amended date of September 8, 2023.

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated July 19, 2023.*

**6. Breen's Café, 16 Cambridge Street**

**Request for one day entertainment license for radio, live music**

- **Saturday-August 12, 2023 – 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

Matt Hanlon appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this will for a 40<sup>th</sup> birthday and about 50 people will be expected.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated June 9, 2023.*

**7. Brazilian Festival of Worcester, 126 Salisbury Street**

**Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by entertainers, live music, amplification system**

- **Sunday September 17, 2023  
rain date**
- **Sunday-September 24, 2023 – 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Suely DiBara, participating remotely, stated that this is for a family event with no alcohol, and they expect about 1000 people.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated July 12, 2023.*

**8. Ecotarium, 222 Harrington Way**

- **Saturday-August 19, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

Katlyn Williams, participating remotely, stated that this is for a private event called “Big Cat Barbecue” and they will have a TIPS certified bartender and security present.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated August 3, 2023.*

- 9. Worcester Marine Corps League, 181 Lake Avenue**  
**Request for one day entertainment license for live music outside**
- **August 12, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to allow for Leave to Withdraw for the application.

- 10. Christopher Besaw, 30 Exchange Street**  
**Request for one day liquor license outside**
- **Friday-September 15, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.**
  - **Sunday-October 1, 2023 – Noon – 8:00 p.m.**

Christopher Besaw appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this extension of the summer concert series. About 40 security staff on hand as well as off duty police and medics.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated August 4, 2023.*

### **Common Victualer Requests**

- 11. Lucky Gourmet, 117 June Street**
- **Monday-Thursday-11:00 a.m.-10:30 p.m.**
  - **Friday-Saturday-11:00 a.m. -11:00 p.m.**
  - **Sunday-Noon-10:00 p.m.**

Attorney Russell Chin, participating remotely, appeared on upon behalf of the application. He stated that this client will be taking over an existing restaurant. He stated there are only 8 seats inside.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated July 14, 2023.*

- 12. Mrs. Moriconi’s, 3 Brussels Street, Suite 130**
- **Wednesday-4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
  - **Thursday-Sunday-Noon-9:00 p.m.**

Julia Moriconi appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that she will be opening an ice cream establishment at this location.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated July 27, 2023.*

**13. Dan's Rockin Deli, 255 Main Street**

- **Sunday-Saturday-7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Christopher Besaw appeared upon behalf the application. He stated it will be called Dan's Rockin Café. He stated there be no alcohol and they would like to open to Midnight for Palladium shows.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license with name of Dan's Rockin Deli and to amend closing time to Midnight.

*List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated August 2, 2023.*

**Alcohol/Entertainment Requests**

**14. Mayoush Enterprises, LLC (Meraki), 274 Shrewsbury Street**

- **Request for jukebox, tv, radio, live music, karaoke**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the September 7, 2023 License Commission meeting.

**15. Fat Chops, LLC, 225 Canterbury Street**

- **Request for change of manager**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the September 7, 2023 License Commission meeting.

**16. Kazahiyah's Hair Studio, 160 Green Street TG-3**

- **Request for general on premises all alcohol license**
- **Request for common victualer license**

Kaz Hardy appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated that he would like to open a small pop-up shop at this location.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commissioners had viewed the facility and the occupancy would be 21 people which included staff.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the general on premises all alcohol license.

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

*List of Exhibits:*

*Exhibit A: Application for general on premises all alcohol license received and dated June 8, 2023.*

*Exhibit B: Application for common victualer license received and dated June 8, 2023.*

**17. Lara Hookah Bar, Inc., 267 Lincoln Street**

- **Request for general on premises all alcohol license**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, amplification system**

Saif S. Handhal appeared upon behalf of the application. An interpreter was present on-line to assist with translation.

Mr. Handhal stated that he is looking to open a hookah bar with occupancy of 68 and would like to have liquor at the establishment.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commission members had done a view of the premises prior to the meeting.

*Public Comment*

Sister Susie stated that she is the religious educator at the church in the area and that she works with the youth and doesn't think this will be helpful to the kids. She stated that she would be against this as wants something that is something helpful to the kids and this is not inspirational.

Commissioner Fisher stated that the one thing she noticed with the petition provided by the applicant that it is a that a lot of people don't live in the neighborhood.

Mr. Handhal stated that he lives in the neighborhood, and he got letters from people in the neighborhood.

Chair Vigliotti stated that some of the addresses are Park Avenue, Lake Avenue, Vernon Street, Windham Street, Courtyard, Hillside, Trinity Avenue, Perry Avenue. Streets that were not adjacent to the property.

Mr. Handhal stated that he had also provided letters of support from people in the area. Commissioner Fisher stated that they also received many letters in opposition.

Mr. Handhal stated that his community doesn't have anywhere to go, and that people will not just show up at this establishment. When people need to come in, they need to reserve ahead of time and it mostly for his community and its not for children and not for anyone in the street to just come in. He understands if this was liquor store or a bar, but it is not.

Mr. Handhal stated that he purchased the bar and worked on it for 15 months to get it going and its not really a bar. It more culturally built for his community.

Commissioner Fisher stated that there is a church directly across the street and there is one on next block and a bar, so her concern is what is he bringing to the neighborhood to make it better. She stated that there are halfway houses in the neighborhood and her concern is putting a hookah bar in the neighborhood.

Mr. Handhal stated that people would need to reserve to come in. He stated that if any youth come in, they will realize it hookah and 90 percent coming in would be for the Arab community. He stated that they will have security and it would be very rare to have someone coming in who not familiar with this type of business.

Commissioner Cruz stated that she has same concerns at Commissioner Fisher but stated that if this is open to the public it must be open to everyone and she understands applicant wants to do reservations but if only open to one ethnic group it is kind of discriminatory. She also stated that this is a heavy residential neighborhood with a lot of family and this proposal is a very large space and has concerns about that so saying it only open to certain group by reservation doesn't help as it still a very large bar in the neighborhood.

Mr. Handhal stated that this is not his own business, and they reason he planned reservations is that due to the parking and the limited space he planned to asked people to reserve spot so he can control the space.

Chair Vigliotti stated that occupancy is going to be 68 and asked Mr. Handhal if he planned to limit the occupancy to 68 and asked if be operated to be a nightclub. Mr. Handhal stated he would limit to 68.

Staff stated that entertainment request was only radio/tv so could not be nightclub unless applicant came back before Commission to asked to increase type of entertainment.

Mr. Handhal stated that he is asking for reservations as he under so much pressure. Chair Vigliotti asked Mr. Handhal to explain what he means about meaning under so much pressure. Mr. Handhal stated that there are businesses in the area, and he plans for his business to be busy, so he is asking people to reserve the spot.

Commissioner Fisher stated that she can't support after reading the letters.

Ms. Ruiz stated she was representing the community of Lincoln Street area. She stated that she supports economic development but not if it hurts the youth and she would also like to know if applicant lives in Lincoln Street area. She stated that there is a hospital, church and a school bus stop right near this proposed license and when people drink alcohol they can be seen wandering through the neighborhood. Ms. Ruiz stated that also the is a problem with parking in the area. She stated that they are fighting to show a better face in the community for their children. Ms. Ruiz stated that her position is that she does not want this business to open.

Mr. Handhal stated that his business is open 7:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. so he would not open during school times.

Chair Vigliotti asked what the hours would be. Mr. Handhal stated 7:00 in the evening to 1:30 a.m.

Mr. Handhal stated that he had big meeting in neighborhood and he already had requested from Father Jonathan a big portion of their parking and they have been trying to assist him with the parking and he has not issue with the parking as he already taken care of it.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to deny the general on premises all alcohol license.

Commissioner Fisher stated that the reason for denial is the opposition from the community and doesn't seem like a good fit for the neighborhood.

Commissioner Cruz stated that it just seems very muddy and when they met with the applicant at the view something was completely different presented at the meeting and maybe this should just be a club license.

Chair Vigliotti stated that he had tried to be fair but hearing the testimony and reading the letters he does not believe that this is something conducive to the neighborhood. He stated that he has great concerns about the parking but has more concerns about the type of operation being near churches and businesses and doesn't think this would be beneficial for this type of space and does not think this type of operation would fit well in the neighborhood and would be detrimental.

Mr. Handhal stated that he has been working on this project for over a year and asked what could be done and asked how it cannot be approved.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the applicant can always take an appeal.

Mr. Handhal stated that he got 1,000 signatures.

Ms. Kalkounis stated that the liquor license was denied but Mr. Handhal can still operate the hookah just not the alcohol.

Mr. Handhal stated that he lots of hope to open and lots of expectations to open.

Chair Vigliotti reiterated that the liquor license was denied, and applicant can appeal the decision of the Commission, but he can still operate the hookah.

Mr. Handhal stated that people will still want alcohol and hookah will not be sufficient and stated that he was not stopping anyone from coming in.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the application has been denied and the hearing on this item is closed.

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



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

*List of Exhibits:*

- A. Application for general on premises all alcohol license received and dated June 21, 2023.
- B. Application for common victualer license received and dated June 21, 2023.
- C. Application for entertainment license received and date June 21, 2023.

**18. Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream, 44 Front Street**

- **Request for outdoor sidewalk dining for 4 tables with 8 seats**

Applicant did not participate for the application. Staff reviewed the application.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the sidewalk dining

*List of Exhibits: Application for outdoor dining received and dated June 14, 2023.*

**19. Unique Café & Catering, 322 Cambridge Street**

- **Request for entertainment license for Live Music, recorded music, amplification system inside/outside**

Nadine James, participating remotely, she stated she just open few months ago and just like to have place where people can have smoothies and hang out. Ms. James stated that it would be recorded music inside and outside maybe some gospel music.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the entertainment license with the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

*List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment license received and dated June 11, 2023.*

**20. Worcester Detachment Marine Corps League, 181 Lake Avenue**

- **Request for change of manager**

Kathryn Schumacher appeared upon behalf of the application.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of manager.

*List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager received and dated July 18, 2023.*

**21. Professional Sports Catering, LLC, 100 Madison Street**

- **Request for change of officers/directors/llc manager**

Alexandra Lilley, participating remotely, stated that they are looking to do a change of officers/directors.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the application.

*List of Exhibits: Application for change of officers/directors received and dated July 27, 2023.*

**22. McGrady Woodman, LLC dba Maker to Main, 162 Harding Street**  
• **Request for outdoor sidewalk dining (food only)**

Lynn Cheney appeared upon behalf of the application.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commissioners had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Ms. Cheney stated that she looking to add outdoor seating for when they purchase non-alcohol purchases.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the outdoor sidewalk dining.

*List of Exhibits: Application for outdoor sidewalk dining received and dated July 1, 2023.*

**23. Bachour Enterprises LLC, 139 Water Street, Surrender of general on premises all alcohol license**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to accept the surrender of the general on premise all alcohol license.

**24. 139 LLC, 139 Water Street**  
• **Request for restaurant all alcohol license**  
• **Request for common victualer license**

Raymond Lapolito and Hadi Makhlouta appeared upon behalf of the applications.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commissioners had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Mr. Lapolito stated that Mr. Makhlouta is a relative of former owner and he will be operating the same type of establishment.

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

*List of Exhibits:*

*Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received and dated July 3, 2023.*

*Exhibit B: Application for common victualer license received and dated July 3, 2023.*

**25. Odd by Nature, LLC, 22 Front Street, Suite 179**  
• **Request for general on premises all alcohol license**

- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license tv, radio (indoors)**

Jay Grey appeared upon behalf of the applications. He stated that this will be a second location and they produce in Maine and will sell at this location. They will renovate the space in the MidTown mall.

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

- **general on premises all alcohol license**
- **common victualer license**
- **entertainment license tv, radio (indoors)**

*List of Exhibits:*

*Exhibit A: Application for general on premises all alcohol license received and dated July 7, 2023.*

*Exhibit B: Application for common victualer license received and dated July 7, 2023*

*Exhibit C: Application for entertainment license received and dated July 7, 2023.*

## **26. Interstate Management Company, LLC, 65 Prescott Street**

- **Request for package store malt & wine license**

Gerasimos Dalmanieras, participating remotely, stated that they are looking to add a beer and wine to the small area in the hotel and the area is right next to the front desk and the alcohol will be under lock and key.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commission members had done a site view prior to the meeting.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the package store malt & wine license.

*List of Exhibits: Application for package store malt & wine license received and dated July 7, 2023.*

## **Lodging House Requests**

### **27. Hogg House, LLC, 54 Elm Street**

- **Request for lodging house license**

Attorney Brian Falk appeared on behalf of the applicant, Hogg House, LLC. This would be a 28-bed lodging house close to WPI campus and Brendan May would be the resident manager.

Mr. Falk stated that all the prospective tenants are WPI students. He stated this use allows the property to maintain its historical look and not convert property into a multiply family.

Mr. Falk stated that the renovations are on-going at the property. He stated that the ZBA approved the Special Permit for the use in June of 2023 and the Special Permit contains a number of conditions. Mr. Falk stated that they have done a neighborhood meeting and provided copies of the rules to people and rules consist of strict noise and parking requirements. He stated that they also had a decibel meter at the meeting so they could test out their new noise damping windows that had been installed.

Mr. Falk stated that they will have 12 parking spaces and they don't expect to use more than half as most of students would not have cars. The home would have 28 rooms, and most are single room occupancy for the 28 residents. There will be 10 bathrooms. For security there will be outdoor cameras and indoor cameras in the common areas. Resident access to the house will be by keypad. Mr. Falk stated that the applicant is aware of the city of Worcester lodging house rules and will also have their own set of rules.

Chair Vigliotti asked if the manager and assistant manager were students. Mr. Falk stated yes.

Chair Vigliotti asked if there was fencing around the property. Mr. Falk stated no.

### Public Comment

Frank Callahan stated that he is pleased they are making improvements to the property but has concerns that the two proposed managers are two students and feels that the property should have more mature individuals managing a property that is going to house up to 28 people.

Bill Baller stated he was a former teacher at WPI, but he is very concerned about the management and said he sent a letter in to the Commission. Chair Vigliotti stated they Commission had received. He stated that the cameras have not been installed yet and concerned that there won't be an experienced nighttime manager and they should have full time manager who is not a student.

Ms. Kalkounis stated that the Police had reviewed the proposed manager and found them acceptable.

Representative Mary O'Keefe stated that they are happy with the work being done on the house, but it really comes down to the management of the property. She has concerns about training and if there is any plan to professionalize the position.

Bob Rochelle stated that he just wanted to support what the ZBA did on application. He stated that it be premature to discuss about cameras as the building is still under construction.

Sandy Hubard stated that her biggest concern is the management as they are both young students.

Joe Boynton stated that people have concerns about the management at the location. He stated that for the sake of the neighbors there has to be some maturity in the management and some security and this is situation where the owners are relying on their children to manage the lodging house. They would prefer that the management be someone with greater authority than a couple of undergraduates.

Ellen Brecknridge stated that she has concerns about the management and whether they would be there all the hours that required so was wondering, if possible, to have a professional full-time manager.

Mr. Falk stated that the manager is an experienced RA at WPI. Chair Vigliotti asked if the was going to be there full time. Mr. Falk stated yes as it will be his home as well as the assistant manager's home. They don't have to be there 24/7 but can be reached.

Commissioner Fisher asked what type of support the manager and the assistant manager would have. Mr. Falk stated that they have the support of the landlord, and every tenant has to follow the rules and students are subject to a code conduct which follows them off campus as well.

Commissioner Fisher asked if WPI campus police have access to this site. Mr. Falk stated no as this is private property.

Commissioner Cruz asked if the resident manager and assistant manager are away who would be managing the property. Mr. Falk that would be rare, but the landlords would be responsible for the property.

Ann Chesman, the landlord, stated that she would be working closely with the managers to make sure there would be coverage at all times.

Chair Vigliotti asked if there was any reason, they didn't hire a professional manager. Ms. Chesman stated that in past they have had bad experiences.

Commissioner Cruz stated that lodging houses don't have a good reputation so just trying to prevent any issues before they start and making sure that the quality of life in the neighborhood is maintained.

Chair Vigliotti confirmed that as project is completed that lighting, cameras will be installed.

Ms. Kalkounis asked that Mr. Falk submit the house rules for the License Commission records.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the lodging house license subject to all the ZBA requirements and that the house rules be submitted to the License Commission.

*List of Exhibits: Lodging house application received and dated July 15,2023.*

**28. C&S Cedar Street Housing, LLC, 65 Cedar Street**

- **Request to increase lodging house beds from 21 to 28**

Attorney Brian Falk appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that they are looking to modify the rooms from 21-28 and updating the manager.

Mr. Falk stated that this house is used by the Worcester Railers and this increase of beds was approved by the ZBA last month.

Mr. Falk stated that there is no change of the ownership of the property, and they are familiar with the city of Worcester lodging house rules and will continue to follow.

Commissioner Fisher asked about the occupancy. Mr. Falk stated that a few will be double occupancy, but majority are single room occupancy.

Upon a motion the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the lodging house increase.

*List of Exhibits: Lodging house application received and dated July 18, 2023.*

**29. Erlian Lui, 46 Woodland Street**

- **Request for change of ownership of lodging house license**

Erlian Lui appeared upon behalf of the application. Ms. Lui stated that she will be taking over ownership of this property.

Ms. Lui stated that the property just passed inspection and she has installed cameras on property along with signs that cameras are use.

Commissioner Cruz asked how many rooms. Ms. Lui stated 14 rooms.

Commissioner Cruz asked if there was a resident manager. Ms. Lui stated that yes a gentleman named Gary who worked there many years for previous owner.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the lodging house license.

*List of Exhibits: Application for lodging license received and dated July 26, 2023.*

**Violations**

**30. Drew Food Mart, Inc. 82 Thomas Street**

- **Rule #6, #21 – Sale to minor**

Kanubhai Patel and Dhrrav Patel appeared to answer to the violation and waived their right to counsel.

Sergeant Needham presented the following;

On June 23, 2023 Officer Patrick Harrington and members of the Alcohol Enforcement Unit conducted compliance checks on various package stores throughout the city. A 19-year-old male accompanied the officers during the evening. The underage male was instructed to enter a package store and attempt to purchase a six pack of 12 oz Busch cans without providing identification. The male was instructed if asked for identification to politely inform the clerk he did not have one. The male was instructed not be confrontational at any time if not sold the item and to leave the store. The male was given the same instructions every time he entered a different store. Prior to departing and upon return to the police station the male was administered an alcohol breathalyzer test.

As the underage male entered the stores Officer Harrington had an unobstructed view of the entrance and the times were noted upon entry. During the checks the male attempted to purchase alcohol from 24 stores.

At 7:17 p.m. the 19-year-old entered the Licensed Premises located at 82 Thomas Street. The male as able to purchase a six pack of 12 oz Bush cans, which is an alcoholic beverage without providing any identification for \$7.39.

Members of the Alcohol Unit notified the store of the violation.

Mr. Patel stated that they made a mistake, and he was training a new employee and forget to scan the ID at that moment.

The Commission noted that there were previous violations of a similar nature.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 that the violation did occur.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to issue a one (1) day suspension.

*List of Exhibits:*

*Exhibit A: Police report dated June 27, 2023.*

**31. Jay Sedhima, LLC dba Gibbons Liquors, 68 Stafford Street  
Rule #6, #21- Sale to minor**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the hearing to the September 7, 2023 License Commission meeting.

**32. Marlyn Gas Corp dba Bee Zee Gas, 177 Southwest Cutoff  
Rule #6, #21- Sale to minor**

George Youssef appeared to answer to the violation and waived his right to counsel.

Sergeant Needham presented the following;

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As the underage male entered the stores Officer Harrington had an unobstructed view of the entrance and the times were noted upon entry. During the checks the male attempted to purchase alcohol from 24 stores.

At 12 p.m. the 19-year-old male entered the Licensed Premises located at 177 Southwest Cutoff. The male was able to purchase a six package of 12 oz Miller Lite cans, which is an alcoholic beverage without providing any identification for a total of \$8.09.

Members of the Alcohol Unit notified the store of the violation.

Mr. Youssef said was mistake and sorry to be before Commission.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to issue a one (1) day suspension.

*List of Exhibits: Police report dated June 27, 2023.*

### **Status Hearings**

#### **33. 961 Restaurants, LLC, Union Station**

Attorney Mark Bornstein appeared upon behalf of the item. He stated that a letter was given to the Commission by Peter Dunn, Assistant Chief Development Officer, and there have been some delays in the project due to building upgrades and there some water infiltration and they hope to open by end of year.

Chair Vigliotti stated that letter from Mr. Dunn stated it would be in the Fall and asked Mr. Bornstein if needed more time. Mr. Bornstein stated yes would like to end of year.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue this item to the December 21, 2023 License Commission meeting.

#### **34. Revolution Pie and Pint, LLC, 50 Franklin Street**

#### **35. Craft Table and Bar, LLC, 50 Franklin Street**

Items #34, #4 were taken contemporaneously.

The general manager appeared upon behalf of the items.

A design team is working on both spaces and will need some time to complete

Upon a roll vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue these items to the December 21, 2023 License Commission meeting.

#### **36. Dubai Restaurant & Lounge, 105 Water Street**

Staff stated that Attorney Cotton had requested to continue this item to second meeting in September.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item to the September 21, 2023 License Commission meeting.

### **Other Business - Update to License Commission Rules**

Chair Vigliotti stated at the last meeting this item was voted on and the Commission is now going to asked that this item be reconsidered and passed back to Law Department for review.

### **Motion to reconsideration and passed back to Law Department -**



**37. Reconsideration of amended Rule 32 adopted at the July 13, 2023 meeting related to Notice of Events”**

**RULE #36**

- a) Licensees shall submit, electronically in the format required by the License Commission, a monthly calendar of events to be held at the licensed premises, including but not limited to DJs, live performances, and Trivia.
- b) Any licensee holding a promoted event must notify the License Commission, electronically in the format required by the License Commission, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the event. A promoted event shall include when a person or entity (“Promoter”) contracts with a licensee to hold an event at the licensed premises, including performing artists, advertising services, and entertainment performances such as live performances and amplified presentations, and said Promoter has a financial interest in the event by receiving a portion of the profit by renting the licensed premises from licensee, or by receiving a portion of gross receipts from the door or bar.
  - i. Promoters must use the licensed premises’ security staff; they may not bring in their own staff.

Adopted by the Commission on \_\_\_\_\_.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to reconsider Rule #37 and have Law Department review.

**Communications**

- **ABCC Notice of Suspension-Stella Ngonyo LLC dba Beth’s on Grafton Hill-**
- **ABCC Notice of Suspension-Worcester Randell Package Store, Inc.**

No comment

**Adjournment**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 12:34 p.m.