



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

**Thursday, November 17, 2022**

**Commissioners Present:** Walter Shea, Chair  
Anthony Vigliotti, Commissioner  
Charran Fisher, Commissioner

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Staff Present:**  
Alexandra Kalkounis, Law Department  
Officer Patrick Harrington, Worcester Police Department  
Deborah Steele, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

**Call to Order – 10:00 am.**

**Minutes:**

**November 3, 2022**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of November 3, 2022.

**One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests**

- 1. Preservation Worcester, 61 Harvard Street-  
Request for one day liquor license**
  - Friday December 2, 2022 – 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Deborah Packard, appearing remotely, stated that she like to amend date to December 3, 2022 and reviewed the event planned and security.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license receive and dated November 2, 2022.*

**2. J.T. Ethier, Worcester Common  
Request for one day liquor license**

- **Friday, December 2, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
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JT Ethier appearing remotely, stated that this is for the Festival of Lights on the Common. A tent will be set up Front St on the Common and there will be TIPS certified bartenders, police officers on duties and porta potties.

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 November 1, 2022.*

**3. Chartwells at WPI, 100 Institute Road  
Request for one day liquor license**

- **Saturday-December 3, 2022- 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

No one appeared for item. Staff reviewed the event.

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 November 7, 2022.*

**4. St. Spyridon Cathedral, 102 Russell Street  
Request for one day liquor license**

- **Saturday – November 26, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**
- **Friday – December 9, 2022 – 9:30 a.m. -1:00 a.m.**

Zack Siarkos, appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that they expect to 250 to 280 people at event and security will be 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 November 1, 2022.*

**5. Central Rock Gym, 299 Barber Avenue  
Request for one day liquor license**

- **Saturday – December 3, 2022- 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Dan Carlson appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this will be for a rock climbing event and throughout the day they expect 100-125 people.

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

**6. Chip Jarry, Worcester Common  
Request for one day liquor license**

- **Friday – December 2, 2022 – 4:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

Chip Jarry appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this will be for the Festival of Lights on the Common and there will be security present and bartenders are TIPS certified.

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 November 8, 2022.*

**7. Nicholas Smith, Trustees of Holy Cross, 1 College Street  
Request for one day liquor license**

- **Saturday, November 26, 2022- Time-TBD**
- **December 9, 2022 – Time-TBD**
- **Saturday- December 3, 2022-Time-TBD**
- **Saturday-December 10, 2022-Time-TBD**
- **Friday-December 16, 2022-Time-TBD**
- **Saturday-December 17, 2022-Time-TBD**

Attorney Joshua Lee Smith appeared upon behalf the applications and reviewed the events along with security and time for events.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor licenses received and dated November 1, 2022.*

**Common Victualer Requests**

**8. Worcester Sweets, 649 Chandler Street**

- **Saturday – Sunday – 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Diana Gallego, participating remotely, stated that she would like to open bakery 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 November 3, 2022.*

**9. Willy's Latin Cuisine, 226 Chandler Street**

- **Saturday-Sunday – 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

William Argumedo appeared upon behalf of the application and stated that he would be opening a restaurant with Mexican food.

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 November 3, 2022.*

**10. Black Sheep Bah Bah Q & Kitchen, LLC, 393 Chandler Street**

- **Wednesday-Monday – 11:00 a.m. – Midnight**

Jennifer Wright and Patrick Flynn appeared upon behalf of the application. Ms. Wright stated that they currently have a food truck but moving into a brick and mortar location and plan to apply for a liquor license in the future.

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 November 3, 2022.*

**11. Vietcafe LLC, 439 Park Avenue**

- **Saturday-Sunday – 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

John Nguyen appeared upon behalf for the application to open a restaurant

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 November 4, 2022.*

**12. Viva Bubble, LLC 1200 Main Street**

- **Saturday – Sunday – 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

No one appeared upon behalf of the application. Staff reviewed the application with the Commission.

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 November 8, 2022.*

**13. InHouse Coffee, 225 Shrewsbury Street**

- **Saturday-Sunday – 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Dean Kattan, participating remotely, stated that he is taking over existing business and there will be no changes.

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 November 8, 2022.*

## **Liquor and Entertainment Application Requests**

### **14. Worcester Discount Liquors, Inc., 254 Mill Street-Brendan & mom.**

- **Request for transfer of stock**

Attorney Stephen Roche appeared upon behalf of the application and reviewed the transfer of stock.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the transfer of stock.

*List of Exhibits: Application for transfer of stock received and dated November 1, 2022.*

### **15. Mackao Restaurant and Bar, Inc., 181 Millbury Street**

- **Request for restaurant all alcohol license**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the December 1, 2022 License Commission meeting.

### **16. Aelux Lounge, LLC, dba Aelux Lounge, 316 Shrewsbury Street-**

- **Request for general on premises all alcohol license**
- **Request for common victualer license**
- **Request for entertainment license for tv, recorded music**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the application to the December 1, 2022 License Commission meeting.

### **17. Trustees of the College of the Holy Cross, 1 College Street (indoors & outdoors)**

- **Request entertainment license for 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 record specifically.**

Attorney Joshua Lee Smith appeared upon behalf of the application reviewed the type of entertainment and location of where it would be held.

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

*List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment license received and dated November 10, 2022.*

### **18. New Life, LLLC, 20 King Street**

- **Change of lodging house ownership**

Dan Murphy, participating remotely, on behalf of the application.

In July 2022 RM realty sold the property at 20 King Street to New Life LLC.

Amanda Wilson from Inspectional Services stated that her office made several attempts to contact the owners of New Life LLC since July to explain that they would need to apply for a new lodging house license and were unsuccessful and it was very hard to get a hold of the owners of the property and that there were problems at the property including work being done without permits.

Casey Star spoke in opposition to the lodging house transfer stating that the current tenants are currently being evicted and this property has had a lot of problems since summer so this is the time not to change ownership as it would stop the increase of lodging houses in this neighborhood.

Dan Murphy, participating remotely, stated that he put in the application with the License Commission Office and thought he was all set as he owns lodging house properties in Athol and the license goes automatically with the property when it bought. He stated he was unaware of the problems at the property and the work being done without permits and he will rectify that. He stated that he is currently evicting the current tenants and been offering them monetary incentives to leave. He stated that he is putting \$250k in the property and plans to do a sober house for the property Mr. Murphy stated that he is giving existing tenants \$1,000 to leave as he can't keep rents at \$500 a month.

Jacqueline Harris a neighbor to the property stated that she is concerned about drug use in area and the type of program the new owner will bring.

Councilor Rivera spoke in opposition to the transfer stating that new owner did not respect the city process and this new owner will just be another absentee landlord. She stated that since owner is evicting everyone this would be opportunity to make change to the property and not grant another lodging house in the area.

Sergeant Jason Gaumont Worcester Police Neighborhood Response Team stated that this property has been a nuisance since July 1 with incidents outside and on the porch of the property and there are 47 incidents since July 1. He stated that he has filed two orders with code for overgrowth to be trim on the property as it becomes enclave for people who want to use drugs and other illegal activities and it takes up a lot of police resources to respond to calls to the location. In September he requested two times for overgrowth to be removed.

Mr. Murphy stated that he had not heard anything from police and apologized.

Ms. Wilson reviewed the issues at the property.

The Commission stated that based on the issues they did not wish to approve the transfer of the license.

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

## **Hearings**

### **19. Café Neo, 97 Millbury Street-Status hearing**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone hearing to January 26, 2023.

### **20. Double Down Brewing Company, LLC, 455 Park Avenue.**

Christian McMahon appeared upon behalf of the item and gave update.

Item filed.

### **21. Maa Chintapurnia, Inc. dba Om Indian Grill & Bar, 118-124 Water Street**

Item held to first meeting in January.

### **22. Nuve Lounge, 751 Main Street-Status Hearing**

Item held to first meeting in January.

## **Communications**

- ABCC Communication-TB Restaurant Worcester, Violation hearing notice
- ABCC Communication-Highland Liquors, Violation hearing notice
- ABCC Communication-Shri Mahadev, Violation hearing notice
- ABCC Communication-ANSH, dba KJ Barron's, Violation hearing notice

## **Filed**