



Haverhill

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LICENSE COMMISSION MINUTES
Thursday, October 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.-Room 202
VIRTUAL and in person meeting

Attending: Chairperson Laura Angus, Commissioner Linda Koutoulas, Commissioner Patrick Driscoll, Lic. Clerk Jennifer Sanchez, Captain Wayne Tracy, HPD, Sargent Kevin Lynch, HPD.

1) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2.1 Approval of the minutes of September 7, 2023

Commissioner Driscoll said he reviewed the minutes, and they appear to be in order.

Commissioner Driscoll made a motion to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Commissioner Koutoulas. No public comment, vote unanimous, motion passed.

3) CONTINUED BUSINESS

NO SCHEDULE

4) MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS/ REQUESTS

4.1 Irwin Edwards, Manager

Irwin Enterprises, LLC.,
d/b/a East West Tavern
27 Lafayette Square

-Acceptance of the surrender of liquor license for 27 Lafayette Square

Commissioner Driscoll said he would like to make a motion to accept the surrender of the Liquor License for Irwin Edwards, manager for Irwin Enterprises LLC d/b/a East West Tavern at 27 Lafayette Square.

Commissioner Driscoll made a motion to accept the surrender of the license. This was seconded by Commissioner Koutoulas. No public comment, vote unanimous, motion passed.

5) ONE DAY APPLICATIONS

5.1 Aniris DeJesus, Applicant

Beauty Curve Spa
d/b/a Beauty Curve Spa
108 Washington Street

-Application for one day beer and wine license for the celebratory event on October 15, 2023, from 2pm-5pm.

Aniris appeared for this application online. Chairperson Angus welcomed Aniris to the meeting and asked her to describe the event. Aniris said it is a celebration for the first year of her business. Commissioner Angus reminded her that she needs to buy the alcohol from the vendor listed on her application and that she needs to supply the clerk with the receipts. Commissioner Driscoll reminded her that the person serving should be tips certified. Chairperson Angus said she does see her tips certification.

Commissioner Koutoulas made a motion to approve this application. This was seconded by Commissioner Driscoll. No public comment, vote unanimous, motion passed.

5.2 Cynthia Graham, Applicant
Haverhill Fire Fighting Museum
75 Kenoza Ave

-Application for one day all alcohol liquor license for the fund-raising event on October 21, 2023, from 5pm-10pm.

Cynthia Graham appeared for this application along with her sister who will be serving the alcohol. Chairperson Angus asked her if this is the annual chili cookoff? Cynthia said yes that is the event. Commissioner Angus asked Cynthia why she changed her liquor liability insurance? Cynthia said yes, they did decrease the coverage because it is so costly. She said they have not had any trouble in all the years they have been having events. Commissioner Angus said when they put regulations into place for the License Commission. The minimum for a liquor license in Haverhill is 250/500. Commissioner Angus said we can let it go for this time because the regulations are not in place yet.

Commissioner Driscoll made a motion to approve this application. This was seconded by Commissioner Koutoulas. No public comment, vote unanimous, motion passed.

5.3 Maria Syrniotis, Applicant
Hellenic Orthodox Community
154-156 Winter Street

-Application for one day all alcohol license on November 3, 2023, for the church fundraiser from 11am to 10pm.

Maria appeared for this application virtually. Commissioner Angus asked her for a description of the event. Maria said it is their annual fundraiser. It is a two-day festival open to the public. They have been doing this event for 25 years. They serve food and drinks. They have a tips certified person serving the alcohol and they are buying the alcohol from the approved vendors. Commissioner Angus asked if she was working with the police on the detail for the event? She said yes, she is working with the police and fire.

Commissioner Koutoulas made a motion to approve this application for November 3rd and November 4th for the one-day applications. This was seconded by Commissioner Driscoll.

No public comment, vote unanimous, motion passed.

5.4 Maria Syrniotis, Applicant

Hellenic Orthodox Community
154-156 Winter Street

-Application for one day all alcohol license on November 4, 2023, for the church fundraiser event from 11am to 1am.

Maria appeared for this application virtually. Commissioner Angus asked her for a description of the event. Maria said it is their annual fundraiser. It is a two-day festival open to the public. They have been doing this event for 25 years. They serve food and drinks. They have a tips certified person serving the alcohol and they are buying the alcohol from the approved vendors. Commissioner Angus asked if she was working with the police on the detail for the event? She said yes, she is working with the police and fire.

Commissioner Koutoulas made a motion to approve this application for November 3rd and November 4th for the one-day applications. This was seconded by Commissioner Driscoll. No public comment, vote unanimous, motion passed.

6) BUSINESS CERTIFICATES

NO SCHEDULE

7) ENTERTAINMENT APPLICATIONS

7.1 Robert Lapierre, Manager

Bradford Village Square LLC
d/b/a Bradford Village Square
109 South Main Street

-Application for amendment of entertainment license, Current License is for Radio, and amplified music. Application for amendment is for amplifiers, D.J, Karaoke, and amplified music, comedy show (3 comedians), Radio, Vocalists (2).

Robert Lapierre appeared for this application. Chairperson Angus asked Robert what his plans were. Robert said when he did the application, he just added everything. Robert said that it is not what he really wants. He is looking for light entertainment like music Bingo, and trivia. Commissioner Koutoulas asked if there is any money involved in those? Robert said no he just gives away a gift card. Commissioner Driscoll said there are other places that do that. Robert said that his goal is to utilize the liquor license that he has. He wants to add entertainment to be more profitable. He said he does not need comedy, karaoke. He does not really need the DJ; the entertainer will just be playing music for the music bingo. Robert said he is doing private events. Chairperson Angus reminded him that if he has events, he still must also be open to the public.

Chairperson Angus asked HPD if they have an objection to the trivia event and one instrument and 1 vocalist.

Chairperson Angus said his license is open until 10pm and that means everyone has to be off the premises by 10pm. Wayne Tracey spoke and said that if he is in violation of the noise ordinance

they would shut it down anyway, so HPD is agreeable to those terms.

Commissioner Angus asked if they could limit the entertainment until 9pm because the establishment is in a residential area. Robert agreed to this.

Commissioner Angus said they will add 1 instrumentalist, 1 vocalist, and the trivia event. This is in addition to the amplified music and radio. The entertainment will end at 9pm.

Commissioner Koutoulas made a motion to approve the change for the entertainment to end at 9pm and to add 1 instrumentalist, 1 vocalist, and the trivia event. This was seconded by Commissioner Driscoll. No public comment, vote unanimous, motion passed.

7.2 Joshua Correa, Manager

The Vibes Café Inc.,

d/b/a The Vibes Cafe

252 Main Street

-Application for amendment of entertainment license. Was previously approved on January 2022 for entertainment for Joshua Sports Diner wants to change to The Vibes Café.

Amendment to change hours. Previously approved hours: Sunday 4:30am-1:30pm, Monday 4:30am-5pm, Tuesday 4:30am-5pm, Wednesday 4:30am-5pm, Thursday 4:30am-5pm, Friday 4:am-1am, Saturday 4:30am-1am. Amendment to change hours to Sunday 4:30am-10pm, Monday 4:30am-10pm, Tuesday 4:30am-10pm, Wednesday 4:30-10pm, Thursday 4:30am-10pm, Friday 4:30am-2am, Saturday 4:30am-1am, Current entertainment: DJ, amplified music, Radio, TV, amendment to include amplifiers.

Joshua Correa appeared for this application. He requested an amendment for the entertainment license and the common victualler license. Joshua said the reason for the amendments is that he learned the ins and outs of delivery and he wanted to give more delivery options and also to give people jobs.

Commissioner Angus asked him what his plan is for the extended hours. Joshua said he wants to close at 9pm or 10pm for inside dining and after that stay open for takeout.

Commissioner Driscoll asked Joshua if he needed the entertainment, he said not really just a Bluetooth speaker.

Commissioner Angus asked him why he is changing the name? Joshua said that he had Joshua sports diner at first and he changed the name to bring something different to the city. He loves Haverhill and the vibes is a spiritual word for him. He wants a safe environment and good energy.

Captain Tracey came up to speak. He is concerned about the area and any music being played that late. Captain Tracey said there are a lot of houses and apartments, and he anticipates getting a lot of calls. Captain Tracey also said they are not interested in having a bar in that area.

Commissioner Koutoulas told him they do not have a liquor license.

Commissioner Koutoulas said adding hours from 5-10pm is a big jump. We should start until 7-8 pm and if that works come back and extend.

Commissioner Koutoulas made a motion to change the hours of the entertainment and the common victualler to Sunday-Thursday 4:30am to 7pm, Friday, Saturday 4:30am-9pm, and the name change.

Limit the entertainment to radio and TV.

Commissioner Koutoulas made a motion to accept this application for name change, the hours for the entertainment and the common victualler to Sunday-Thursday 4:30am to 7pm, Friday and Saturday 4:30-9, and the name change. Limit the entertainment to radio and TV. pending entertainment zoning approval and the entertainment hours would end a half hour before the applied for hours. This was seconded by Commissioner Koutoulas. No public comment, vote unanimous, motion passed.

8) COMMON VICTUALLER APPLICATIONS

8.1 Joshua Correa, Manager

The Vibes Café Inc.,
d/b/a The Vibes Café
252 Main Street

-Application for amendment of common victualler license. Was previously approved on January 2022 for Joshua Sports Diner, wants to change to The Vibes Café. Amendment to change hours. Previously approved hours: Sunday 4:30am-1:30pm, Monday 4:30am-5pm, Tuesday 4:30am-5pm, Wednesday 4:30-5pm, Thursday 4:30am-5pm, Friday 4:30am-1am, Saturday 4:30am-1am. Amendment to change hours to Sunday 4:30am-10pm, Monday 4:30am-10pm, Tuesday 4:30am-10pm, Wednesday 4:30am-10pm, Thursday 4:30am-10pm, Friday 4:30am-2am, Saturday 4:30am-1am.

Joshua Correa appeared for this application is was heard together with the entertainment amendment. Commissioner Angus asked him what his plan is for the extended hours. Joshua said he wants to close at 9pm or 10pm for inside dining and after that stay open for takeout. Commissioner Angus asked him why he is changing the name? Joshua said that he had Joshua sports diner at first and he changed the name to bring something different to the city. He loves Haverhill and the vibes is a spiritual word for him. He wants a safe environment and good energy.

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Limit the entertainment to radio and TV.

Commissioner Driscoll made a motion to approve the hours, common victualler license and entertainment license. This was seconded by Commissioner Koutoulas. No public comment, vote unanimous, motion passed.

9) **OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATIONS**

No Schedule

10) **ALCOHOL/ABCC APPLICATIONS**

No Schedule

11) **MOTOR VEHICLE APPLICATIONS**

No Schedule

12) **CARRY IN LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

No Schedule

13) **ITEM FOR DISCUSSION**

13.1 **Wu, Li, Manager**

Li's Asian Garden Inc.,

d/b/a Asian garden

1186 Main Street

-Item for discussion: Failure to attend the mandatory liquor license renewal meeting.

This License holder was present for the meeting. Commissioner Angus reminded all license holders that the mandatory liquor license renewal meeting is mandatory, and all license holders do need to be present. Commissioner Angus reminded the license holders if they are not able to make the meeting, they should send someone from their staff. Commissioner Angus also reminded them this meeting is to help the license holders and gives us the opportunity to touch base and to streamline the renewal process. Multiple departments attend the meeting, and it is important.

13.2 **Rachel Vallie, Manager**

Barrio Haverhill LLC

d/b/a Barrio Tacos Tequila and Whisky

2 Merrimack Street, Suite 103

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13.3 **Samantha Petrou, Manager**

Samp Beverage LLC

d/b/a Butch's Uptown

63 Locke Street

-Item for discussion: Failure to attend the mandatory liquor license renewal meeting.

Samantha contacted the Commission prior to the meeting, she was not able to attend and

will be added onto the November agenda.

13.4 John Veasey, Manager

Cedardale Inc.,
d/b/a Cedardale Health & Fitness
931 Boston Road

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13.5 Yun Yan Jiang, Manager

Jiang's Family Inc.
d/b/a China King Super Buffet
755 Main Street

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13.6 Robert Giallongo, Manager

Rybo's Bistro Inc.,
d/b/a Keon's 105 Bistro
105 Washington Street

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13.7 Kamal Zefta, Manager

Zefta & Taleb, Inc.,
d/b/a Maria's Family Restaurant
81 Essex Street

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13.8 Bassam, Geha, Manager

Michael's Function Hall, Inc.,
d/b/a Michael's Function Hall + Phoenician Restaurant
12 Alpha Street

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13.9 Panayiotis Panourgias, Manager

The Fat Greek LLC
d/b/a The Fat Greek
15 Washington Street

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13.10 Phillip Charles Bentham II, Manager

Hidden Pig LLC
d/b/a The Hidden Pig
130 Washington Street

-Item for discussion: Failure to attend the mandatory liquor license renewal meeting.

No one came to the meeting from this establishment.

13.11 Paul Tomacchio, Manager

The Food Bros Corp
d/b/a Stacks
12 Washington Street

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13.12 Michael Ryan, Manager

Paul Francis Bridal
2 Washington Street

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13.13 Sunil Samtani, Manager

Sunil Samtani, LLC
d/b/a Liquor Warehouse
64 Locust Street

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13.14 Juan Cepeda, Manager

D & B Supermarkets Inc.,
d/b/a Union Supermarket
233 Winter Street

-Item for discussion: Failure to attend the mandatory liquor license renewal meeting.

No one from this establishment came to the meeting.

13.15 Harshad patel, Manager

Purnakam Corp.,
d/b/a Town's Variety & Liquor
277 Groveland Street

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13.16 John Tynan, Owner

BD Ale House, LLC
d/b/a Barking Dog Ale House
77 Washington Street

Item for discussion: Status of the liquor license for the premises of 77 Washington Street.

Jeff Nahas appeared for this. He thanked everyone for the 13 years he has been in business. He enjoyed being in Haverhill and he enjoyed his time at The Barking Dog. Jeff said after covid they did not recover well, and they got tired. He said they were not sure for a while what they were going to do, and they put the business on the market and someone new came in and offered to buy it. They have worked on purchase and sale and now they are at a point where they are ready to transfer the license to them. The new

purchaser was present but did not come up to speak. Commissioner Angus did remind Jeff that if the transfer has not gone through that he will have to renew the license. Jeff said that is one of his questions what the best way was to do the transfer. Commissioner Angus told him he could do the renewal and then transfer the license to the new owner. If everything gets approved before the end of the year the new owner would sign the renewal.

13.17 Sera Manzi, Manager

Essex Grill, Inc.,
d/b/a Essex Street Grill
25 Essex Street

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14) SHOW CAUSE HEARING

NO SCHEDULE

15) COMMUNICATIONS

16) NO SCHEDULE

17) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NO SCHEDULE

18) ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:45 PM by Commissioner Driscoll, seconded by Commissioner Koutoulas. Vote unanimous.