

**MINUTES
LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 17, 2014**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE Revere License Commission was called to order by Chairman Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr. at 4:00 p.m. on July 17, 2014. Vice Chairperson Linda Guinasso, Commissioner John M. LaCroix, Police Lt. Sean Randall, Liaison with the Revere License Commission, and Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary, present.

Vote to accept Minutes: Vote to accept the Minutes of 6/18/14 and 7/3/14.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the minutes.

VOTED ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Revere Beach Partnership

150 Beach Street
Adrienne Maguire, Contact

Application for a 1-Day Malt/Wine License: Application of the Revere Beach Partnership, 150 Beach Street, Adrienne Maguire, Contact, for a special one-day license to serve beer and wine, to be exercised at Revere Beach on Saturday, July 19, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. for the Revere Beach National Sand Sculpting Festival Sponsor Reception.

Revere Beach Partnership

150 Beach Street
Adrienne Maguire, Contact

Late Application for a 1-Day Malt/Wine License: Application of the Revere Beach Partnership, 150 Beach Street, Adrienne Maguire, Contact, for a special one-day license to serve beer and wine, to be exercised at Revere Beach on Friday, July 18, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for the Revere Beach National Sand Sculpting Festival Reception.

These applications were taken together. Adrienne Sacco-Maguire appeared for the applications. In both cases, it will be a private, invitation-only event held in a tent, as part of the annual Sand Sculpting Festival celebration.

City Council President Anthony Zambuto spoke in favor of the application, referring to the Sand Sculpting Festival as the premier event in the city. There were no opponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve both applications.

Committee to Elect Dan Rizzo
137 Lewis Wharf
Boston, MA 02110
Francis Perullo, Contact

Application for a 1-Day Malt/Wine and Common Victualler License: Application of the Committee to Elect Dan Rizzo, Francis Perullo, Contact, for a special one-day license to serve beer, wine and food, to be exercised on the grounds of the Beachmont VFW, 150 Bennington Street, on Sunday, July 27, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. for an appreciation barbecue for members of the Rizzo Campaign Committee.

Frank Perullo appeared for the application. The mayor has an annual barbecue to thank his campaign committee, which has customarily been held at his home. However, the event has outgrown the mayor's home, requiring this license.

There were neither opponents nor proponents when called. Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the application.

The Hertz Corporation
d/b/a **Hertz Car Sales**
40 Lee Burbank Highway
Mark Paul Frissora, President
John DeMarco, Manager

Application for a Class 2 Motor Vehicle License: Application of The Hertz Corporation d/b/a Hertz Car Sales, Mark Paul Frissora, President, John DeMarco, Manager, for a Class 2 Motor Vehicle License, to be exercised at 40 Lee Burbank Highway, Revere, MA, with a requested inventory of 100 cars.

Karl Salmins appeared for the application. The Hertz Corporation would like to sell between 75 – 85 cars in the space that had been used for the operations of Thrifty Car Rentals (which has moved to Boston). They do not plan to impinge upon the current parking operations at that site. The cars for sale will be showcased in the front of the lot. They will not do repairs on-site, but have contracted for their legally mandated repair facilities.

There were no proponents when called. City Council President Anthony Zambuto spoke in opposition. He informed the Commission that the Building department had issued a cease and desist order on the park and fly operations at the site, as an illegal use of the parking permit, which, having originally been issued as an accessory use to the car rental business of Thrifty, is now invalid. He expressed concerns about the loss of revenue to the City of Revere caused by Thrifty's departure from the city. He requested that the Commission, at a minimum, table the license until the matter can be straightened out.

City Councillor John Powers also spoke in opposition. He, too, stated that the parking permit had been issued as an accessory use to the now-defunct car rental operation, and he reiterated his colleague's request to table the issue while the city endeavors to work out the situation.

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to table the application, in order to give both parties an opportunity to resolve their issues.

George Filippone
d/b/a **Wonderland Auto**
1176 North Shore Road
George Filippone, Owner & Manager

Application to Transfer a Class 2 Motor Vehicle License: Application of George Filippone d/b/a Wonderland Auto, George Filippone, Owner & Manager, 1176 North Shore Road, Revere, MA for a transfer of a Class 2 Motor Vehicle license to Touriya Aitelhadj, to be exercised at the same location and under the same business name. Requested number of cars to be kept for sale on the lot is 35.

Attorney Lawrence Simeone represented the applicant. The current licensee, Mr. Filippone, proposes to transfer his used car sale business while retaining his auto repair business at the same location. Ten spaces in the lot shall be reserved for the auto repair business, leaving 35 for conducting the auto sales business. The applicant is engaged in a transportation business in Revere, and has had used car sales experience in New Hampshire.

Commissioner Guinasso requested that the lot be striped. She also expressed a desire to see the business run in the same well-ordered fashion in which Mr. Filippone has always run it. Atty. Simeone assured her that Mr. Filippone would always be present, and would work to ensure that the business maintains its current standard.

City Councillor John Powers spoke in favor of the application. He has known Mr. Filippone for ~30 years, and considers him a man of impeccable character. He is certain that Mr. Filippone would not lease to anyone who was not of similar character. He expressed a hope that the Commission would give the application every consideration. There were no opponents when called.

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to approve the application.

Off the Boat, Inc.
d/b/a **D'Amelio's Off the Boat Restaurant**
304-306 Revere Street
Antonietta D'Amelio, Manager

Late application for an Amendment to application for an All Alcohol Restaurant License: Amendment to the application of Off the Boat, Inc. d/b/a D'Amelio's Off the Boat Restaurant, Antonietta D'Amelio, Manager, for an All Alcohol Restaurant license, to be exercised at 304-306 Revere Street, Revere, MA. Amendment of officers/directors of corporation and clarification of sources of financing.

Lorene Schettino represented the applicant. Antonietta D'Amelio and Vincent Albano appeared for the application. The application is a technicality to reflect changes required by the Mass. Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. The management of the restaurant will not change, just the officers of the corporation. Mr. Albano will have no interest in the license, but is a lender of unsecured funds.

Commissioner Guinasso asked about the seating capacity, and was told it is 95. She also asked about the parking arrangements, and was told that there will be parking in the parking lot across the street. They are as yet uncertain of their opening date.

City Council President Anthony Zambuto spoke in favor of the application. He stated that the applicants come with great recommendations for their food and service in East Boston, and the city is looking forward to seeing them. There were no opponents when called.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the application.

SHOW CAUSE HEARING:

Show Cause Hearing for MFRP Corp. d/b/a The Squire, 604 Squire Road, Peter DePesa, Manager, regarding a melee at the establishment that required police presence from Revere, Malden and State Police to disperse. **Continued from meeting of June 18, 2014.**

Attorney Lawrence Simeone represented the license holder. He felt that he had received insufficient notice of all possible violations, and also felt that there was some confusion as to the definition of the word 'hearing' as defined (or not) in regulations and the definition of 'public' as used to modify 'hearing' and he declaimed upon this topic for some time. He questioned what all of this might mean in terms of evidentiary standards.

The Commission agreed that the business had been given insufficient notice of all possible violations, and proposed tabling the matter until a new meeting could be scheduled to discuss all incidents at once. Atty. Simeone took this opportunity to lecture the Commission about the difference between penalties applied to a liquor license and penalties applied to an entertainment license. The Commission repeated their suggestion to table the matters. Atty. Simeone took this opportunity to argue for his clients' fundamental innocence in the face of a 'disconnect' between his clients and the police. In response to Commissioner Guinasso's questions regarding the establishment's potential issues over the intervening time, he requested an opportunity for a dialogue with the police. He complained of mixed messages from the police. He asserted that the parking lot of The Squire is not within the establishment's purview to manage. Then he asserted that The Squire used to manage their own parking lot, but no longer do so out of a desire to cooperate with the police. The Commission continued to suggest a continuance, and Atty. Simeone continued debating in advance of the hearing.

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to table the meeting until a future meeting could be scheduled.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Form 43 from Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission approving a change of manager for 99 West, LLC d/b/a **99 Restaurant & Pub**, 121 VFW Parkway.
2. Letter from Kerry Tunstall of KST Corporation d/b/a **Bill Ash's Lounge**, notifying the License Commission of film production work being done in the business after the closing hour on July 9th. No alcohol will be available, nor will the establishment be open to the public at that time.

All communications were accepted and placed on file.

LICENSE RENEWALS FOR 2014

Common Victualler

Fedal Lahsane d/b/a Assalam Market, 1559 North Shore Road – **this matter was continued due to inspection issues**

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular meeting on August 20, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Following the foregoing, there being no further business to come before the Board upon Motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr., Chairman

Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary

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