

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

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE Revere License Commission was called to order by Chairman Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr. at 3:00 p.m. on September 17, 2014. Vice Chairperson Linda Guinasso, Police Lt. Sean Randall, Liaison with the Revere License Commission, and Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary, present.**

Due to the absence of Commissioner LaCroix, Chairman Quarantello explained that, if any votes were tied, they would be tabled until the full Commission could be present.

**VOTED ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION**

Grenquist Engineering and Capital Services  
d/b/a **Corto Dito**  
1300 North Shore Road (Wonderland Subway Station)  
Dr. Scott Grenquist, Owner and Manager

**Application for a Common Victualler License:** Application of Grenquist Engineering and Capital Services d/b/a Corto Dito, Dr. Scott Grenquist, Owner and Manager for a Common Victualler license to be exercised at 1300 North Shore Road, Revere, MA, within the Wonderland Subway Station, to sell coffee, muffins, candy bars, soda, pretzels and hot dogs. Requested hours of operation are 5:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 5:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Requested seating is none. **Continued from the meetings of July 17<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Scott Grenquist appeared for the application. His proposed business is a concession store within the subway station. He would eventually like to mirror the subway's hours of operation with his own store, but is not yet certain he will do so. He will attempt to determine if there is a market for some sort of food such as soup and sandwiches in the late hours. He intends to be on site as often as he can, and has a competent employee working for him. He has had a restaurant in Salem, and a pub in Plymouth before this.

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

Café Montecristo, Inc.  
d/b/a **Montecristo Restaurant**  
364 Broadway  
Raul D. Alarcon, Manager

**Application for a Common Victualler License:** Application of Café Montecristo, Inc. d/b/a Montecristo Restaurant, Raul D. Alarcon, Manager, for a Common Victualler license to sell Mexican and Central American food; said license to be exercised at 364 Broadway, Revere, MA, with requested hours of 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. and requested seating of 32. – **Continued from the meeting of August 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Lillian Agueta (sp?) appeared for the application. She will be a manager in the proposed establishment, and is currently manager of another business in Boston. She anticipates spending more of her time in this establishment, aided by her father, while she trains a replacement. They do not yet have approvals from the Inspectional Services departments or the Fire Department.

In view of the absence of approvals, the Commission decided to table the application until the applicant can obtain the required approvals. It was suggested that a special meeting might be called if necessary to consider the license application.

**A.L. Prime Energy Consultant, Inc.**  
655 Revere Beach Parkway  
Saad Nasser Buisier, President  
Bassil Zaza, Manager

**Application for a Malt/Wine Package Store License, a Common Victualler License, and an Entertainment License:** Application of A.L. Prime Energy Consultant, Inc., Saad Nasser Buisier, President, Bassil Zaza, Manager, for a new License to sell Wine & Malt Beverages as a Package Store, a new Common Victualler license, and a new Entertainment license. Said licenses will be exercised at 655 Revere Beach Parkway, Revere, MA. Hours of sales for wine and malt beverages would be Monday – Saturday 8:00a.m. – 11:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Hours of sale for the common victualler license would be 24 hours, 7 days a week, selling pizza and sandwiches, with requested seating for seven. Entertainment would consist of television and radio.

Attorney Cory Rhoades represented the applicant. The location is a previously owned gas station which has undergone extensive renovations, and the owners would like to extend the services they offer to include food service, televisions on the gas pumps, and beer and wine sales. The owners have liquor licenses at two locations in New Hampshire with no prior problems, but this will be their first such license in Massachusetts.

Chairman Quarantello asked about details of the proposed operation. Nasser Buisier, President of the corporation, provided details about the security to lock off the beer and wine during hours when liquor may not be sold. In Merrimack, NH and Plaistow, NH, they have been selling liquor for 10 years under the same management structure without a single violation. At 11 p.m., the store itself will be closed. Deliveries will be received during the day. Commissioner Guinasso expressed ongoing concerns with selling alcoholic beverages from gas stations, but felt that some of her concerns were alleviated by the technology that will be used to control access, and acknowledges that times are changing. The TVs on the pumps have volume controls within the store, and a maximum volume, with a customer's ability to mute the TVs at the pump.

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

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Wonderland Entertainment, LLC  
d/b/a **Wonderland**  
1290 North Shore Road  
Charles Delpidio, Manager

**Requested appearance before the Commission:** Requested appearance to speak before the Commission regarding a planned tornado relief event on Sunday, September 28, 2014.

Charles Delpidio and Taras Hrabec appeared before the Commission. Mr. Delpidio announced a tornado relief fundraising event that his establishment would be hosting on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. The event will feature Grammy award-winning artist Evelyn Champagne King along with several local artists. They appeared before the Commission to raise awareness of the event. The Commission considered it a good thing for the city, and gave it their wholehearted support.

In addition, Mr. Delpidio wished to speak with the Commission regarding the time at which live music is scheduled to end at his establishment. They have been permitted to play live music until 1:00 a.m. and then a DJ until 1:30 a.m. He asked if he could be permitted to end live music at 1:30, and forgo the DJ entirely. Revere Police reports that there have been no problems at Wonderland in recent months. Mr. Delpidio has been booking his events personally, rather than through promoters, in order to have greater control over the events themselves, and meets weekly with his staff to plan security arrangements for upcoming events.

There were neither proponents nor opponents of this issue when called. After some discussion, it was decided that Wonderland's location and building would prevent this change from unduly impacting residents, and their success in maintaining a peaceful establishment over the last several months encouraged the Commission to believe this change could be managed without disruption. Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to allow live music to end at 1:30 a.m., with the understanding that Wonderland's management would be responsible for ensuring orderly closing of the premises by 2:00 a.m.

The question of late closing on New Year's Eve was raised. The Commission postponed decision on that topic until they could consult with Lt. Randall and Commissioner LaCroix.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Communication from ABCC approving change of manager for Maekha Thai, LLC d/b/a Maekha Thai Restaurant, 163 Squire Road.
2. Communication from Wonderland Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Wonderland, 1290 North Shore Road requesting an opportunity to speak before the Commission regarding a planned special tornado relief event on Sunday, September 28, 2014.
3. Advisory from ABCC announcing a change of law, effective October 23, 2014, allowing Sunday opening time of 10:00 a.m. for off-premises retail licensees. Any licensee who wishes to change hours to open at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday must first notify the License Commission.

4. Communication from Vincent M. Lauretano d/b/a Pizza Kitchen, 76 Revere Beach Boulevard regarding the temporary sign on his premises: used as a movie prop, coming down soon, and not indicative of a change of DBA.

All communications were accepted and placed on file.

**LATE ADDITION TO AGENDA - LICENSE RENEWALS FOR 2014**

**Class 2 Motor Vehicle**

City Auto Sales & Service, 516 Broadway

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular meeting on October 15, 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 4:00 p.m.

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Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr., Chairman

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Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of September 17, 2014