MINUTES LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2016

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE Revere License Commission was called to order by Chairman Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr. at 3:00 p.m. on October 19, 2016. Commissioner Linda Guinasso, Commissioner John M. LaCroix, Police Lt. Sean Randall, Liaison with the Revere License Commission, and Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary, present.

VOTED ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Neil DeRosa d/b/a **Brewin' Café** 311 Broadway Neil DeRosa, Manager

Application for a Common Victualler License: Application of Neil DeRosa d/b/a Brewin' Café, Neil DeRosa, Manager, for a Common Victualler license, to be exercised at 311 Broadway, Revere, MA, from 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. for coffee, bagels, baked goods, sandwiches and salads, with seating for 15.

Neil DeRosa appeared for the application. He has been operating cafés since 1983.

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

HEARINGS

388 Broadway, LLC d/b/a **Volare** 388 Broadway Cecilia Maya, Manager

<u>Hearing:</u> Hearing concerning possible violations of licensing laws and regulations relating to control of premises and service to intoxicated patrons. – **Continued from September meeting.**

Cecilia Maya appeared for the hearing. Lt. Randall reported that in the last month, there had been no incidents, and the police detail had been retained as directed by the Commission. Ms. Maya stated that they had hired an additional security person, and that they had instituted the policy of no admittance or re-admittance into the restaurant after 12:30 a.m., which she felt had helped prevent problems.

The Commission recommended they continue as they are with the preventive measures, and elected to close the matter, with the warning that the establishment is essentially on probation.

Circle Auto Gallery, Inc.

400 Beach Street Kelly Schmeiske, Manager

<u>Hearing</u>: Hearing into violations of license conditions, including: exceeding allowed number of cars for sale; lying to investigating police officer; fraudulently altering license.

Kelly Schmeiske appeared for the hearing, represented by her attorney, Lawrence Simeone. The attorney allowed the truth of the allegations, and asked the Commission to consider leniency for his client, as she is but a weak young woman trying to make her way in the rough-and-tumble male-dominated world of used car dealers. He explained that she forged her license to prevent any of her competitors for informing authorities if she maintained more than her allowed number of cars for sale on her lot. Lt. Randall reported that he had found 18 cars on her lot at the time of his visit, and that she showed him her forged license indicating that she was allowed 20 cars, rather than the 10 cars that her license truly allowed.

The Commission found her sincerely repentant. Commissioner LaCroix suggested she apologize to Lt. Randall for lying to him. Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to table the matter indefinitely, with a warning.

Kenneth G. LaFauci

d/b/a **Brothers Auto Body** 19 Naples Road Kenneth LaFauci, Manager

<u>Hearing:</u> Hearing into State Police reports of using Class 2 used car dealer license to purchase cars at auction for unlicensed purchase and sale of salvage cars.

Kenneth LaFauci appeared for the hearing, represented by his attorney, Lawrence Simeone. Commissioner Guinasso disclosed for the record that she bought a car from the license holder several years ago. The Commission first heard from Massachusetts State Troopers Dana Atkinson, and Matt Heaphy. They have been investigating this establishment as part of a broader effort aimed at preventing illegal junk/salvage operations conducted under the cover of used car dealer licenses.

Attorney Simeone contended that his client has been acting well within the laws governing used car dealer licenses. He brought two former State Troopers to testify on his client's behalf: Richard Felton, and Kevin(?) Giles.

After hearing all arguments, on a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to table the matter until next month, in order to allow the Commission time to review the relevant laws.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Notice of appeal hearing from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission regarding the License Commission approval of the application of Mahavir Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a **Convenient Market and Deli**. Hearing date: Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 10 a.m.

All communications were accepted and placed on file.

The Commission stated for the record that they are looking into the assault that took place at The Squire, and awaiting information from the police department, after which a hearing would be scheduled.

Commissioner Guinasso expressed a concern that Mario's Auto Body might be selling cars in excess of the number permitted for sale, and it was decided to send them a letter.

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular meeting on November 17, 2016, 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 4:15 p.m.

Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr., Chairman	Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary
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