

**MINUTES
LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2019**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE Revere License Commission was called to order by Chairman Robert Selevitch at 3:00 p.m. on August 21, 2019. Commissioner Linda Guinasso, Commissioner John M. LaCroix, Police Lt. Sean Randall, Liaison with the Revere License Commission, and Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary, present.

Salute to the Flag by the members of the Revere License Commission and those in attendance.

Vote to accept Minutes: Vote to accept the Minutes of 6/26/19 and 7/17/19.

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

VOTED ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Beachmont Improvement Committee
State Street at Kimmerle Park to Donnelly Square
Kathleen Heiser, Event Manager

Application for a 1-day Common Victualler and Entertainment License: Application of the Beachmont Improvement Committee for a 1-day Common Victualler and Entertainment license to be exercised on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. for a Beachmont Multicultural Festival to take place on State Street between Kimmerle Park and Donnelly Square. Event to include food, art, music, games, and a short sidewalk parade.

The applicant was neither present nor represented. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Joseph Leon Mottolo Post #4524 V.F.W. U.S., Inc.
61 Lucia Avenue
John French, Event Manager

Application for a 1-Day License for All Alcohol, Common Victualler, Entertainment: Application of Joseph Leon Mottolo Post #4524 V.F.W. U.S., Inc. for a 1-day All Alcohol, Common Victualler, and Entertainment license to be exercised on Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. for a Veterans Event to take place in the parking lot at 61 Lucia Avenue. Event to include cookout and games.

Mark Marston appeared for the application. The event will no longer include a cookout, but games and food in the parking lot. Proceeds from the event will go to Toys for Tots, and the purchase of a handicapped lift for the Mottolo Post. They expect approximately 50 attendees, and have arranged an indoor venue in the event of rain.

Wayne Rose spoke in favor of the application. 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.

Ralph Ravesi
d/b/a **Sea Level Raw Bar**
Parking lot across from 306 Revere Street

Ralph Ravesi, Manager

Application for Stationary Mobile Food Vendor Common Victualler License: Application of Ralph Ravesi d/b/a Sea Level Raw Bar for a Common Victualler license for a stationary mobile food vendor to be parked in the parking lot of 306 Revere Street during the hours of Tuesday – Sunday from 12 p.m. – 11 p.m., with no seating, serving a raw bar.

Ralph Ravesi appeared for the application. His plan is to lease a section of the parking lot across from D’Amelio’s Restaurant in which to park his truck and sell raw seafood out of it. He described his plans as a way to teach his children how to make an honest dollar, and the culmination of a dream. He acknowledged that he had originally operated in violation of city rules and ordinances, but said it was done in ignorance.

Nico Kostopoulos, who operates the food truck with Mr. Ravesi, and Wayne Rose spoke in favor of the application, citing the quality of the food and the character of Mr. Ravesi.

Deputy Chief Paul Cheever and Health Inspector Michael Wells spoke in opposition to the application, citing Mr. Ravesi’s early violations, and his continued violation after being shut down by a city inspector, as well as the finding of the city Building Inspector, who found the operation in violation of city zoning regulations. They did point out that a possible future city ordinance regulating food trucks might make the use allowable, but as such ordinance is in the draft phase, they could not speculate with authority.

Mr. Ravesi, Mr. Rose, Mr. Kostopoulos, and an unnamed woman in the audience proceeded to vociferously object to these and all other points, in no particular order, frequently raising objections from their seats, and occasionally descending to personal attacks. They complained of other food trucks they had seen. The general tenor was that they considered all objections unfair and motivated by personal bias. The inspectors declared that they would pursue the alleged violations by other mobile food vendors, and reiterated that the problem with the application is fundamentally a zoning issue, as they would be perfectly willing to issue permits upon successful inspection.

The Commission reminded all parties that the license had yet to be voted on, and that the only significant obstacle was the zoning issue. Commissioner Guinasso made a motion to table the matter until the zoning issues could be resolved, and further, to schedule a special meeting at that time if needed, in order to avoid further delays for Mr. Ravesi. This motion was seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, and the motion was carried.

HEARINGS

Black Marble Motorcycles, LLC
d/b/a **Boston Harley-Davidson**
649-1 Squire Road
Heather Vieira, Event Manager

Hearing: Hearing into possible improper management of events, including, but not limited to, illegal off-premises wine sales; failure to obtain inspections; insufficient control and supervision of alcoholic beverage service and sales.

Arielle Andrews and Kenneth McPhee appeared for the hearing. Ms. Andrews opened by reporting that Ms. Vieira is no longer with the company. Ms. Andrews has been working with the License Commission office and the Health and Fire departments to determine what requirements are necessary for all events, and meeting them. The Commission discussed the past history of violations and the details of proposed future events.

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Selevitch, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to place the matter on file.

Select Transportation, Inc.

60 VFW Parkway
James Marcotte, Manager

Hearing: Hearing into violations of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 148, §56, in repeatedly parking more cars than the license allows.

James Marcotte appeared for the hearing. He acknowledged the violations, but placed the blame on the Comfort Inn, with whom he had a business arrangement to park cars within his licensed space. He stated that Comfort Inn frequently overbooked cars. Part of the blame was also placed on the internet platform used by both businesses to advertise and reserve parking.

Deputy Chief Paul Cheever reported that the business routinely parks cars well in excess of the number permitted by its license. Mr. Marcotte informed the Commission that his business will no longer be parking cars in the NECCO parking lot, as his lease has been terminated. He also declared that many of the excess cars were parked by the Comfort Inn, rather than his business. The Deputy Chief will reassess the area once Select Transportation has removed its operations from that site.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to place the matter on file.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Notification from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission approving the application of Uno Restaurants, LLC d/b/a Uno Chicago Grill for a change of officers/directors.
2. Notification from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission approving the application of Netraa, Inc. d/b/a Dairy Mart for transfer of an All Alcohol package store license from Dairy Mart Liquor, Inc.
3. Notification from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission approving the application of Ocean 500 of Revere, LLC d/b/a Dryft for an All Alcohol Restaurant license.
4. Notification from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission approving the application of Driftwood Special Servicing, LLC d/b/a Four Points by Sheraton Revere for transfer of an All Alcohol Innholder license from Bisuteki Japanese Steakhouse, Inc.
5. Notification from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission approving the application of Mahavir Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Convenient Market & Deli for a change of manager.

All communications were accepted and placed on file.

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular meeting on September 18, 2019, 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 4:40 p.m.

Robert Selevitch, Chairman

Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of August 21, 2019