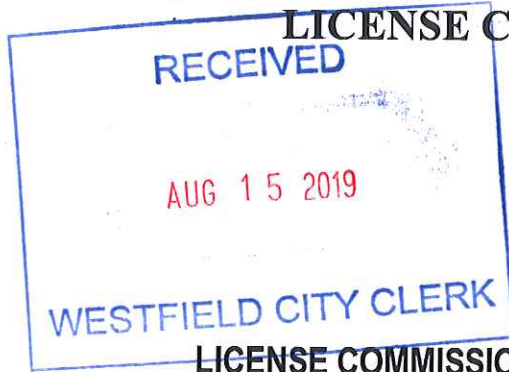




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LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING Wednesday, July 10, 2019 MINUTES

Meeting convened at 6.00 p.m.

Chairman Mowatt, Commissioner Diaz and Commissioner Dawicki were present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dawicki, seconded and unanimously VOTED to approve the June 10, 2019 minutes as presented.

Next commission meeting scheduled for August 12, 2019 at 6pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. All in One Shop, Inc. d/b/a Hampton Ponds Market, Rosana A Alvarado, mgr. requesting a section 15 wine & malt annual package store liense at 1029 North Road, Westfield, MA in 1 room on first floor with 2 entrances and 2 exits approx. 10,620 sq ft and back cage area for storage.

Chairman Mowatt read the legal ad into the minutes.

Present was Rosana A Alvarado proposed liquor manager.

The office manager stated the paperwork is in order.

Rosana stated the following:

- They are looking to open the location as a supermarket also selling cooked food, juice and coffee bar and would like to offer beer and wine to service the residents in the area.

- They are hoping to open by the end of August.
- She and her husband have worked in markets in New York for many years.
- Her husband has been a supervisor in the business for over 15 years.
- He knows the policies for selling beer and wine.
- She, her husband and her sister are all alcohol certified.

The Commissioners reviewed the layout of the supermarket.

Commissioner Diaz asked how they will be checking ID's of the customers.

Rosana stated the following,

- Her husband is looking into purchasing scanners for the business.
- They do not want to sell to minors.
- They are researching to find the right machine for them.

Commissioner Diaz stated to the licensee that it is a really large store. It is important that they check their ID's carefully. He warned the licensee to protect their license and to be careful.

Commissioner Dawicki advised the licensee to card everyone to be on the safe side.

Chairman Mowatt advised the licensee that there are systems you can purchase to not allow the sale of beer and wine during the hours they cannot sell alcohol.

A motion was made by Chairman Mowatt, seconded and unanimously VOTED to move to deliberation.

DELIBERATION,

Werner Gossells was present to speak in favor of the application and stated the following,

- He is one of the trustees of Gem Trust that owns the plaza where the supermarket is.
- It is important that they have a beer and wine package store license to make this business successful.
- This will be helpful in serving the community in that area.

No one spoke in opposition.

Chairman Mowatt stated that he is in favor of this request. He feels it will be an asset for the people who live in that area.

A motion was made by Chairman Mowatt, seconded and unanimously VOTED to approve the Section 15 wine & malt annual package store license.

REGULAR MEETING.

1. The office manager stated the following regarding Rain, 252 Elm Street, Westfield, MA.
 - At the June meeting the commission requested a picture of what the patio currently looks like to ensure that they do not need to apply for an alteration of licensed premises.
 - A letter was sent to the manager, Tracy Tong requesting this information along with strongly recommending them that they pursue bouncer training for their staff. The letter was signed for by Michael Holmes.
 - To date we have not received any documentation from the licensee.
 - Regarding an application for change of beneficial interest, an email was received stating that all license paperwork is staying as just Gabe for now until he comes back.
 - The LLC was confirmed that Michael Holmes is off the LLC and Gabe Krause is the only manager on the LLC.

A motion was made by Chairman Mowatt, seconded and unanimously VOTED to request the presence of the liquor manager for the next commission meeting to give a status on the picture of what the patio currently looks like as requested at the last meeting and to give an update regarding what actions have been taken for training their bouncers.

2. Westfield State University, 577 Western Avenue requesting to change the approved Section 14 one day wine & malt license for Wednesday, July 24, 2019 from 6pm to 10pm.

The office manager stated that the licensee is requesting the change the date of the event to Tuesday, July 23, 2019.

A motion was made by Chairman Mowatt, seconded and unanimously VOTED to approve the date change.

3. Tavern Restaurant, Peter Kantos, mgr 2 Broad Street requesting a section 14 Wine & Malt license for Summer concert series on the green, July 18, 2019, August 15, 2019 and September 12, 2019.

The office manager stated the following,

- The Commission approved this request at the March meeting for Westfield on Weekends.
- Westfield on Weekends has stated that the Tavern will be serving the wine & malt.
- The Tavern has been serving the wine & malt at this event for many years.

A motion was made by Chairman Mowatt, seconded and unanimously VOTED to approve the Section 14 one day wine & malt license and to waive the license fee.

4. The following incidents were filed by the Commission,

- Whip City Pub incident# 19-17952 6-8-19

LATE COMMUNICATION

1. The Beer Guy, David Capriati, 21 Mountainview Street, South Hadley, MA requesting a Section 14 wine & malt license on July 20, 2019 11am to 6pm at Indian Motorcycle of Springfield, 962 Southampton Road parking lot.

The office manager stated the following,

- This event has been held in the past with no problems.
- The licensee is TIPS certified.

A motion was made by Chairman Mowatt, seconded and unanimously VOTED to approve the Section 14 wine & malt license on July 20, 2019.

2. White Lion Brewing Co, 36 Garland Street, Springfield, MA requesting a Section 14 wine & malt license on behalf of Art Works Westfield at 536 Elm Street parking lot.

The office manager stated the following,

- This is a request for a pop up beer garden in collaboration with Art Works Westfield.
- This licensee already has a Section 14 one day beer for Thursday's.
- The Commission approved a total fee of \$100.00 for all events for those Thursday's.
- The licensee has approval from the owner of the property.
- They are requesting the following dates July 12, July 19, July 26, Aug 2, Aug 9, Aug 16 & Aug 30, 2019.

A motion was made by Chairman Mowatt, seconded and unanimously VOTED to approve the Section 14 one day requests with a total cost of \$100.00.

3. The office manager submitted to the Commissioners a copy of Westfield Liquors employee policy that the commission requested.


The Commission reviewed the policy and asked the office manager to put this in the licensees file. No further information is needed from the licensee.

4. The office manager submitted to the Commissioners a copy of the current liquor quota. She informed the commission that we are down to only 2 wine & malt Section 15 package store licenses. At the August meeting there will be 2 requests for those licenses.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. The office manager stated that to date we have not received an application for an officer change for 99 Restaurant. On June 5, 2019 the licensee's lawyer stated that they are still working the application and hope to submit to the office soon.
2. The office manager stated that ABCC approval was received for Westborough Beverage Corp d/b/a Walmart officer change.
3. The office manager stated that The Hangar received their new COI from Building and Fire. Their license was amended to include the alteration of licensed premises and issued to them.
4. The office manager submitted the latest ABCC cases for Commissioners to review.
5. The office manager stated that Railroad Auto Recycling stated that all partners will remain as owners. There will be no change to the ownership. Their Class 2 & Class 3 license was issued to them.
6. The office manager stated that we still have not received any information on the progress of Tin Bridge Brewing altering their licensed premises to include the outside patio. The licensee was at the March 11, 2019 meeting and stated that they were working on it.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.


Christopher Mowatt, Chairman Approved.

