

**MINUTES
LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 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 October 15, 2014. Vice Chairperson Linda Guinasso, Commissioner John 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

St. Mary of the Assumption Church

670 Washington Avenue
Ettore DeFrancesco, Contact

Application for a Special One-Day License for Malt/Wine, Common Victualler and Entertainment:

Application of St. Mary of the Assumption Church for a special one-day license for malt/wine, common victualler and entertainment, to be exercised at St. Mary's Hall, 670 Washington Avenue from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. on November 8, 2014, for a spaghetti supper.

Ettore DeFrancesco appeared for the application. This is an annual event.

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.

Revere Restaurant Group, Inc.
d/b/a **Tio Juan's Margarita's Mexican Restaurant**
85 American Legion Highway
Wendy Golini, Manager

Application for a Change of Manager: Application of Revere Restaurant Group, Inc. d/b/a Tio Juan's Margarita's Mexican Restaurant, for a change of manager from Casey Furtaw to Wendy Golini.

Wendy Golini appeared for the application. She has been with Margarita's for over 2 years, and in the restaurant business for over 30 years. She has been in the Revere location for a few months. She intends to spend 55 – 60 hours each week at the restaurant.

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

Demoulas Supermarkets, Inc.
d/b/a **Market Basket**
275 Squire Road
Joseph Schmidt, Manager

Application for Common Victualler and Entertainment Licenses: Application of Demoulas Supermarkets, Inc. d/b/a Market Basket, for a Common Victualler License and an Entertainment License, both licenses to be exercised at 275 Squire Road. Hours of sale would be Monday – Saturday, 7 a.m. – 9 p.m., Sunday 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., selling pizza, subs and salads, with requested seating for forty-eight. Entertainment would consist of widescreen cable television in the café seating area.

Ron Lambert and Joseph Schmidt appeared for the application. They submitted menus from their café area, and described the business in general.

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

Nyan Group, Inc.
d/b/a **Cash Point**
3-9 Everett Street, Unit 7C
Marat Hunanyan, Owner & Manager

Application for a Change of Location: Application of Nyan Group, Inc. d/b/a Cash Point, for a change of location for an existing Secondhand Dealer License, from 175 Broadway, Revere, MA to 3-9 Everett Street, Unit 7C, Revere, MA.

Marat Hunanyan appeared for the application. They are moving because their current building had been hit by the tornado, and requires extensive remodeling. Their new location will be slightly larger. There operations will otherwise remain the same, which is the buying and selling of used tools, electronics, and musical instruments.

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

Patriot Civic Club, Inc.

93 Patriot Parkway
William Hetheron, Manager

Application for a Change of Manager: Application of Patriot Civic Club, Inc., for a change of manager from Ernani Storlazzi to William Hetheron.

Antonio Diaz, Jr. appeared for the application. He is the president of the club. Mr. Hetheron was unavailable due to a work commitment. Mr. Hetheron's past experience has been in the operation of the club's bar. Commissioner LaCroix asked if there had been any issues with the Patriot Club within the past year, and Lt. Randall replied that there has not.

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

HEARING

Auto Gallery Group, Inc.
d/b/a **Revere Auto Gallery**
120 Squire Road
Alvin Carter, Manager

Hearing: Hearing regarding Auto Gallery Group, Inc. d/b/a Revere Auto Gallery, Alvin Carter, Manager, to address closure of business without surrendering license, and numerous allegations of criminal activity associated with the business.

Wade Lee appeared for the hearing, as the landlord, owner and license holder of Revere Auto Gallery. He had planned to transfer the license and business to Alvin Carter. He described ruined working relationships due to Mr. Carter's activities, and stated that he is working with Wells Fargo to pay the unpaid sales tax and registration fees and to obtain titles for those customers who paid Mr. Carter. The auction companies have retrieved their cars. Mr. Lee no longer wishes to transfer his license to Mr. Carter. He now wishes to transfer his license to another gentleman.

Chairman Quarantello expressed concerns about the hands-off management approach that allowed the defrauding of so many people. He referenced earlier issues with the business, in which Mr. Lee was conspicuously absent, and asked if Mr. Lee intended to be more directly involved in his business in the future. Mr. Lee replied that he does, until such time as he can transfer the license and sell the business. He considers himself a victim of Mr. Carter's plan to defraud him and others, and that he is paying dearly for his error in trusting Mr. Carter. Commissioner LaCroix referred to Lt. Randall, who stated that there is an ongoing fraud and larceny investigation, and he sees no reason why Revere Auto Gallery should continue to operate while that investigation is still open. Chairman Quarantello was inclined to suspend the license until the investigation is resolved, and cannot, in good conscience, allow a transfer of the license while so many questions remain unanswered. He pointed out that Mr. Carter had alleged an entirely different view of the matter. While the Commission expressed sympathy for Mr. Lee, they reserved their greater sympathy for the defrauded customers of Revere Auto Gallery.

Mr. Lee said he has a huge mortgage on the property and is currently receiving no rent, in addition to the monies he has outlaid to resolve customer and bank issues. The Commission reiterated their concerns, and Commissioner LaCroix pointed out that there are other options for the parcel of land itself beyond as a used car dealership.

Attorney John Reidy spoke on behalf of Mr. Lee, assuring the Commission of Mr. Lee's efforts to resolve the issues, and expressing his belief in Mr. Lee's good intentions. Mark LaChapelle, whose wife is one of the dissatisfied customers of Revere Auto Gallery, spoke. Mr. LaChapelle's personal investigations led him to believe that Mr. Lee and Mr. Carter were partners in business together, and that Mr. Lee shares equal responsibility. Mr. LaChapelle's wife was sold a defective car under the promise of its being repaired; she now has no car, and a \$14,000 loan to pay. Cynthia Alba then spoke. She bought a car from Revere Auto Gallery, and

received no title and no bill of sale. In addition, the promised repairs to the car were never done, and the car failed inspection. She was able to discover the name of the “floor plan” company, and obtained a title from them. Mr. Carter also defrauded her of the inspection fee, sales tax and registration fee. She wants her money back for the car, and the \$710 that Mr. Carter stole from her. Claudio Senapontes and his business partner, Fernanda, spoke. He is the proposed transferee of the license. He expressed sympathy with all parties, disclaimed all responsibility, and pleaded with the Commission to let him and Fernanda come and do business with the community.

The Commission asked Mr. Lee how his relationship with Mr. Carter had developed. Mr. Carter had been referred to Mr. Lee by a mutual acquaintance as a prospective purchaser of Mr. Lee’s business. Mr. Lee had Mr. Carter work for him while Mr. Carter acquired the funds to buy the business, and this went on for 1 – 1 ½ years. The Commission feels that the ultimate responsibility lies with Mr. Lee’s failure to supervise his own business. In recognition of Mr. Lee’s attempts, they suggested suspending, rather than revoking, the license. Mr. Lee was directed to remove the new sign he had put up on his property in anticipation of the transfer of his license and the opening of Mr. Senapontes’s business.

Linda Backe, wife of Mr. LaChapelle, then spoke. She described the issues she has had with her car over three months, alleged that a Mr. Coville of Revere Auto Gallery fraudulently changed forms, and spoke at length of her efforts to find a responsible person to resolve her problem. Mr. Lee allowed that he has only sought out those customers who were brought to his attention by Wells Fargo. At the request of the customers at the meeting, Mr. Lee provided his contact information to them, and he promised the Commission that he would fix their problems within 48 hours.

Commissioner LaCroix suggested that the property is a difficult place for a car dealership, and any new proprietors should arrive with a prepared game plan to manage the neighborhood situation.

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to suspend the license indefinitely, until the customer issues are resolved and the ongoing investigation is resolved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter of complaint from Temple Street residents concerning loud music and disruptive patrons at **Joseph Leon Mottolo Post #4524 V.F.W. U.S., Inc.**
2. Notice from Massachusetts State Lottery Commission that Seaside Pharmacy, 169 Shirley Avenue, will be selling Keno To Go.
3. Notification from the following package stores that they will begin opening on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. on October 23, 2014, when the amended law becomes effective.
 - a. **Blanchard’s Revere, Inc.**, 286 American Legion Highway
 - b. Washington Liquors, Inc. d/b/a **E-Z Liquors**, 750 Washington Avenue
 - c. **Ocean Liquors, Inc.**, 210 Shirley Avenue
 - d. Northgate Partners, LLC d/b/a **Joe’s Market**, 338 Squire Road
 - e. Vipul Patel d/b/a **7-Eleven**, 1120 North Shore Road
4. Notice from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission of a hearing for **Speakeasy, Inc.**, 120 Broadway, to be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, 12/3/14, regarding possible violations of Massachusetts law: transfer of operational control without approval; renewals signed by unauthorized person; and false statements made under penalties of perjury.
5. Notification from the **Parkway Convenience, Inc.**, 190A Revere Beach Parkway, that they will begin opening on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. on October 23, 2014, when the amended law becomes effective, and at 8:00 a.m. Monday – Saturday. – **Late addition to agenda**
6. Notice from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission amending the hearing for **Speakeasy, Inc.**, 120 Broadway, to add a new charge: that of hindering and/or delaying an Investigator of the Commission. – **Late addition to agenda**

All communications were accepted and placed on file.

LICENSE RENEWALS FOR 2014

Common Victualer

Kwan Fe Cheung d/b/a **China Garden**, 750 Washington Avenue

Kell's Kreme, Inc., 437 Revere Beach Boulevard
Manne's Bakery Company, Inc. d/b/a **Manne's Bakery**, 910 Broadway
Prezioso Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a **Vinny's Food Market**, 296 Malden Street
Zija Balla d/b/a **Balla's and Boss Roast Beef**, 325 Bennett Highway
Gabe Saad d/b/a **Tedeschi Food Shop**, 140 Beach Street
Kelly's Roast Beef, Inc., 410 Revere Beach Boulevard
Nantucket Fast Foods, Inc. d/b/a **Taco Bell**, 339 Squire Road
Luberto's Pastry, Inc. d/b/a **Luberto's Pastry Shop**, 208 Broadway
Lu-Jac Corp. d/b/a **Dunkin Donuts**, 338 Squire Road
The Stop & Shop Company, LLC d/b/a **Stop & Shop Supermarket #043**, 540 Squire Road
The Stop & Shop Company, LLC d/b/a **Stop & Shop Supermarket #011**, 40 Furlong Drive
NAI Entertainment Holdings, LLC d/b/a **Showcase Cinemas Revere**, 565 Squire Road

Gold, Silver, Precious Metals & Jewelry Dealer

Rachana Jewelry, Inc., 156 Shirley Avenue
David & Tobie Katz d/b/a **Tobie's Jewelry**, 150 Shirley Avenue

Class 2 Motor Vehicle Dealer

Espo Enterprises, Inc., 22R Whitin Avenue Extension
Mario's Service Center, Inc., 977 Broadway
Kenneth G. LaFauci d/b/a **Brothers Auto Body**, 19 Naples Road

Lodging House

Revere Beach, LLC, 675 Beach Street

Entertainment

NAI Entertainment Holdings, LLC d/b/a **Showcase Cinemas Revere**, 565 Squire Road
Northgate Partners, LLC d/b/a **Joe's Market**, 338 Squire Road

Flea Market

International Recreational Industries, Inc. d/b/a **Revere Swap & Shop**, 565 Squire Road
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston d/b/a **St. Anthony of Padua Church**, 250 Revere Street

Secondhand Dealer

AC's Cards & Games, Inc., 348 Revere Street
Andrew Sica d/b/a **Suffolk Pawn**, 333 Lee Burbank Highway

Pawnbroker

Andrew Sica d/b/a **Suffolk Pawn**, 333 Lee Burbank Highway

Automatic Amusement Device

NAI Entertainment Holdings, LLC d/b/a **Showcase Cinemas Revere**, 565 Squire Road – 7 games

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular meeting on November 19, 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 4:05 p.m.

Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr., Chairman

Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of October 15, 2014