

**MINUTES
LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 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 February 24, 2016. Commissioner Linda Guinasso, Commissioner John M. LaCroix, Police Lt. Sean Randall, Liaison with the Revere License Commission, and Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary, present.

Vote to accept Minutes: Vote to accept the Minutes of 10/2/15, 10/21/15, 11/18/15 and 12/16/15.

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

VOTED ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Immaculate Conception Parish School

127 Winthrop Avenue
Stephen Hanley, Contact

Application for a Special One-Day License for Malt/Wine and Entertainment: Application of the Immaculate Conception Parish School, Stephen Hanley, Contact, for a special one-day license for entertainment and to serve beer and wine, to be exercised at the Father Brennan Hall in the school, from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2016 for a school fundraising event.

No one was present for the application. This matter was later taken out of order.

Wendy's of New England, LLC
d/b/a **Wendy's**
42 Furlong Drive
Margreta Pierre Louis, Manager

Application for Transfer of a Common Victualler License: Application of Wendy's of New England, LLC, Michael K. Hamra, LLC Manager, for transfer of a Common Victualler license exercised at 42 Furlong Drive from The Wendy's Company. Requested seating is 95, and requested hours of operation are Sunday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 1 a.m.

Wendy's of New England, LLC
d/b/a **Wendy's**
39 Squire Road
Medelin De La Cruz, Manager

Application for Transfer of a Common Victualler License: Application of Wendy's of New England, LLC, Michael K. Hamra, LLC Manager, for transfer of a Common Victualler license exercised at 39 Squire Road from The Wendy's Company. Requested seating is 94, and requested hours of operation are Sunday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 a.m.

These two matters were taken together. Trent Colford, Sr., Director of Operations for Wendy's of New England, LLC, appeared for both applications. Both restaurants had been owned by the Wendy's company itself, but it sold those restaurants to a franchisee. All operations and personnel shall remain the same; it is simply a transfer of ownership.

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

Mediterranean Café, LLC

139-141 Shirley Avenue
Salah Habib, Manager

Application for Change of Hours: Application of Mediterranean Café, LLC, Salah Habib, Manager, for a change of hours. Requested hours of operation are Sunday – Saturday 5 a.m. – 2 a.m. Current hours of operation are Sunday – Saturday 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Salah Habib appeared for the application. He has had customers who wished to stay beyond the 10 p.m. hour, and would like to accommodate those requests with an extension of his hours.

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

Select Car and Truck Rental, Inc.

60 VFW Parkway
James Marcotte, President and Manager

Application for a Parking Lot License: Application of Select Transportation, Inc., James Marcotte, President and Manager, for a parking lot license to be exercised at 135 American Legion Highway. Requested number of parking spaces is 239, requested hours of operation to be continuously open. – **Continued from last meeting.**

Attorney James Cipoletta represented the applicant, James Marcotte, who was also present. The applicant has leased an unused section of the NECCO parking lot to use as part of his existing parking operation. Customers will not be driving onto the property, only employees of Select Car & Truck Rental.

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 application.

Squire Road Station, Inc.
d/b/a **Nour Market**
174 Squire Road
Ahmad Selman, Manager

Application for Alteration of Premises and Change of DBA: Application of Squire Road Station, Inc. d/b/a Nour Market, 174 Squire Road, Ahmad Selman, Manager, for an alteration of premises to include seating for 10, and a change of DBA from Squire Road Station to Nour Market. Hours are to remain the same.

Attorney Cory Rhoades represented the applicant. The applicant himself was out of the country, due to a family emergency. The establishment is part of a gas station. The request is for the DBA change, and to add seating for the purpose of providing sandwich fare and Lebanese delicacies.

The Commission heard from City Inspectors for Health, Fire, and Plumbing. Dan Maniff, Fire Inspector, described a years-long series of violations, including the installation of used cooking equipment without a permit (since ordered removed), several closures due to safety violations, and failures to maintain fire alarm and suppression systems required for gas stations. He considers the applicant to be a habitual offender, and questioned his willingness to meet the health and safety requirements for running a restaurant.

Health Inspector Tony D'Agosta also spoke of a pattern of habitual violations. The applicant does not have any permits allowing him to prepare and serve food. Mr. D'Agosta finds that the applicant regularly installs new equipment without obtaining necessary approvals or permits. He has concerns about the installation of a stove and grill at a gas station, and those concerns have not been addressed at all by the applicant. Mr. D'Agosta is seldom able to find the applicant, despite numerous efforts to do so.

Plumbing Inspector Mark Locke does not believe that the applicant has installed the necessary grease interceptors to protect the neighborhood water system from the output of his proposed restaurant. Mr. Locke has seen no evidence of permits pulled to install cooking equipment, and no indication that such work has been completed, either.

As the Commission will not grant a license without approval from the appropriate health and safety officials, it was decided to allow the applicant's attorney to continue the matter until next month's meeting, to allow time for his client to attempt to resolve these issues.

HEARINGS

Item #7

Taqueria Eucalipto II Corp.
d/b/a **Las Vegas Restaurant**
107 Shirley Ave
Raul Santos, Manager

Hearing: Hearing regarding Taqueria Eucalipto II Corp. d/b/a Las Vegas Restaurant, Raul Santos, Manager, concerning regular late-night disturbances requiring police intervention, including several reported assaults. – **Continued from December meeting.**

Raul Santos and Sandra Sanchez appeared for the hearing, with their attorney, Cory Rhoades. Attorney Rhoades described the improved situation at the restaurant due to the implementation of the preventive measures taken since the December meeting. His clients have had all of their staff recertified by a TIPS trainer, and the police detail has been, they feel, largely unneeded. They have spoken with the Ward Councillor, who was not aware of any current complaints. He asked, on behalf of his clients, that the police detail requirement be reduced or stopped altogether.

The Commission discussed the matter and consulted with the Revere Police liaison. Given the history of the establishment, the Commission had concerns about reducing or eliminating the requirement for a police detail this soon. They were, however, willing to consider a time frame for reducing the requirement.

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, the Commission VOTED that a police detail will continue on Saturday and Sunday nights through the month of March, and, barring further incidents, a detail officer will only be required on Saturday nights beginning April 3rd. All other preventive measures will continue, and the establishment will return before the Commission in August to review their record at that time.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from 388 Broadway, LLC d/b/a Volare, Cecilia Maya, Manager, detailing the procedures the restaurant has implemented for handling their post-10 p.m. patrons.

All communications were accepted and placed on file.

LATE LICENSE RENEWALS FOR 2016

Motor Vehicle Sales – Class 2

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

Common Victualler

Mediterranean Café, LLC, 139-141 Shirley Avenue

Amora Schena-Callahan & Avri Schena d/b/a **Banana Boat**, 700 Beach Street

The Good Diner, LLC, 361 Broadway

Entertainment

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It was unanimously VOTED to approve the above renewals.

Taken Out of Order

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Lt. Sean Randall, Revere Police appeared for the application. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the application.

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular meeting on March 16, 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 4:05 p.m.

Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr., Chairman

Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary

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