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**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

**Senior Center
Tufts Administration Building
167 Holland Street**

**Regular Meeting
Monday
May 21, 2012
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Chairman Upton called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioners Vito Vaccaro, John J. McKenna, Inspector Warren Chaille & Executive Secretary Jenneen M. Pagliaro

COMMUNICATIONS

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission Notice of Hearing-Woody's Liquors
The Board took Administrative Notice and placed the communication on file.

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission Notice of Hearing-George Dilboy Post #529
VFW and Notice of Decision. The Board took Administrative Notice and placed the communication on file.

Alfresco Restaurant, 382 Highland Ave. notifying the Commission that the establishment will be closed for approximately three weeks for some minor renovations. The Board took Administrative Notice and placed the communication on file.

RULES

Consideration as to whether to recommend an amendment to Somerville Ordinance 2-219 in regards to minimum time period between publication of notice and hearing date for certain applications. The Ordinance was changed last year to require publication for two (2) weeks instead of three (3). A further amendment was to require "that a public hearing be held not less than three weeks after the notice's first appearance. The current Ordinance raised procedural concerns for the License Commission and its timeline for newspaper ads and the Commission's monthly meeting dates. The Board requested a communication be sent to the Board of Aldermen requesting the change as written.

CONTINUED FROM APRIL 23, 2012 HEARING.

Consideration for a proposed amendment to Somerville Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations relative to Prohibition of the announcement of "Last Call". A motion was made to continue this item until next meeting, the motion was seconded.

STATUS UPDATE

Farmer's Bounty
234 Elm St.

Present: Ram Selhi

Mr. Selhi came before the Commission to discuss the status of the Wine and Malt Package store license. (Store has closed). Mr. Selhi stated that the rent was too much and has decided to look for another location for his store and is making progress in doing so. The Board requests that Mr. Selhi come back to next months meeting with a status report.

CONTINUED FROM APRIL 23, 2012 HEARING

PLPB DDBG LLC d/b/a Deco Restaurant
425 Washington St.

Present: Attorney Anne Vigorito & Patrick Buben

Atty. Vigorito, representing Deco Restaurant came before the Commission to give a status update on opening of the establishment.

Atty. Vigorito stated that the Contractors have started the necessary work and a timeline for opening the business should be around September 2012.

The Board made a request that that the licensee appear back before this board at next months meeting with any updated paperwork and a progress report.

COMMON VICTUALER LICENSES

Lotus Xpress
167 Broadway

Present: Yenlin Chen

Mr. Chen came before the Commission requesting approval of a Common Victualer license for 167 Broadway.

Mr. Chen stated he would be doing some renovations.

Mr. Chen has restaurant experience.

Along with the application, a menu and floor plan were submitted for the Commissioners consideration.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the Common Victualer license as presented.

Kee Kar Lau, Inc.
626C Somerville Ave.

Present: Zihang Li came before the Commission requesting approval of a Common Victualer license for 626C Somerville Ave.

Mr. Li stated this business was located on Broadway for many years but do to a fire they had to find a new location.

Along with the application a menu, floor plan and lease were submitted for the Commissioners consideration.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the Common Victualer license as presented.

COMMON VICTUALER AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

Punjabi Grill
236 Elm St.

Present: Azar Malik

Mr. Malik came be the Commission requesting approval of a Common Victualer license and for an Entertainment License consisting of Entertainment by devices.

This location was formerly The Namaskar Restaurant.

Mr. Malik has restaurant experience.

Along with the application, a menu, floor plan and lease were submitted for the Commissioners consideration.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the Common Victualer license & Entertainment License as presented.

Yak & Yeti
719 Broadway

Present: Frank Dardeno

Mr. Dardeno came before the Commission requesting approval of a Common Victualer license and for an Entertainment License consisting of Entertainment by devices.

Mr. Dardeno stated the only change to the business will be a new owner.

Along with the application, a menu, floor plan and lease were submitted for the Commissioners consideration.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the Common Victualer license & Entertainment License as presented.

SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSES

Portuguese American Civic League

Present: Dino Mendoza

Mr. Mendoza came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Alcohol license for the purpose of dispensing and selling alcoholic beverages for The Annual Feast to the Holy Spirit to be held in parking lot across from the club at 26 Springfield St. on July 13 & July 14 from 7PM-12AM and July 15 from 3PM-12AM.

Experienced servers will be dispensing the alcohol.

Police and Fire details have been requested.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Special Alcohol license as presented.

SPECIAL FARMER WINERY LICENSES

Westport Rivers Inc.

Present: David Neilson

Mr. Neilson representing Westport Rivers, Inc. came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell wine produced by the licensee for

off-premise consumption at the Davis Square Farmers Market on Wednesdays May 23 thru November 21, 2012 from 12PM-6PM.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Special Farmer Winery license as presented.

Lexington Consulting Group, Inc.
d/b/a Turtle Creek Winery

Present: Kip Kumler

Mr. Kumler came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell wine produced by the licensee for off-premise consumption at the Hyper-Local Craft Brew Tasting at The Armory, 191 Highland Ave. on June 16, 2012 from 3PM-10PM.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Special Farmer Winery license as presented.

Coastal Vineyards

Present: David Neilson

Mr. Neilson came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell wine produced by the licensee for off-premise consumption at the Hyper-Local Craft Brew Tasting at The Armory, 191 Highland Ave. on June 16, 2012 from 3PM-10PM.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Special Farmer Winery license as presented.

Coastal Vineyards

Present: David Neilson
requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell wine produced by the licensee for off-premise consumption at the Union Square Farmers Market on Saturdays from June 2-November 17, 2012 from 9AM-1PM.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Special Farmer Winery license as presented.

Lexington Consulting Group, Inc.

d/b/a Turtle Creek Winery

Present: Kip Kumler

Mr. Kumler came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell wine produced by the licensee for off-premise consumption at the Union Square Farmers Market on Saturdays from June 2-November 17, 2012 from 9AM-1PM.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Special Farmer Winery license as presented.

Lexington Consulting Group, Inc.
d/b/a Turtle Creek Winery

Present: Kip Kumler

Mr. Kumler came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell wine produced by the licensee for off-premise consumption at the Union Square Swirl & Slice Farmers Market on Thursdays June 14-September 20, 2012 from 5-8PM.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Special Farmer Winery license as presented.

Coastal Vineyards

Present: David Neilson

Mr. Neilson came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell wine produced by the licensee for off-premise consumption at the Union Square Swirl & Slice Farmers Market on Thursdays June 14- September 20, 2012 from 5-8PM.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Special Farmer Winery license as presented.

Still River Winery

Present: Margot Holzman

Ms. Holzman came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell wine produced by the licensee for off-premise consumption at the

Union Square Swirl & Slice Farmers Market on Thursdays June 14- September 20, 2012 from 5-8PM.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Special Farmer Winery license as presented.

Grape Island Inc.
d/b/a Mill River Winery

Present: Donna Martin

Ms. Martin came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell wine produced by the licensee for off-premise consumption at the Union Square Swirl & Slice Farmers Market on Thursdays June 14- September 20, 2012 from 5-8PM.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Special Farmer Winery license as presented.

Zoll Brothers Private Cellars LLC
d/b/a Zoll Cellars

Present: Frank Zoll

Mr. Zoll came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell wine produced by the licensee for off-premise consumption at the Union Square Swirl & Slice Farmers Market on Thursdays June 14- September 20, 2012 from 5-8PM.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Special Farmer Winery license as presented.

Green River Ambrosia LLC

Present: Michael Grainey

Mr. Grainey came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell wine produced by the licensee for off-premise consumption at the Union Square Swirl & Slice Farmers Market on Thursdays June 14- September 20, 2012 from 5-8PM.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Special Farmer Winery license as presented.

Alfalfa Farm Winery

Present: Richard Adelman

Mr. Adelman came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to sell wine produced by the licensee for off-premise consumption at the Union Square Swirl & Slice Farmers Market on Thursdays June 14- September 20, 2012 from 5-8PM.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Special Farmer Winery license as presented.

Mimi Graine of Union Square Main Streets spoke about the Union Square Farmers Markets.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully

Jenneen M. Pagliaro
Executive Secretary