

**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

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

**Regular Meeting
Monday
June 20, 2011
6:00 p.m.**

Chairman Andrew Upton called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioners Vito Vaccaro, John J. McKenna, Inspector Joseph McCain and Administrative Assistant Jenneen M. Pagliaro.

Minutes of the April 25, 2011 & May 16, 2011 meetings were accepted as submitted.

COMMON VICTUALER LICENSES

**Lucas Lin Company, Inc.
D/B/A Zoe's Restaurant
296 Beacon St.**

Present: Meiheui Hu & Li Qin Lin

Meiheui Hu representing Lucas Lin Co., Inc. d/b/a Zoe's Restaurant came before the Commission requesting approval of a Common Victualer license at 296 Beacon St.

Mr. Lin has restaurant experience.

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

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the Common Victualer license as presented.

SPECIAL FARMER WINERY LICENSES

Westport Rivers, Inc.

Present: Robert Russell

Mr. Russell 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 to be held at Day & Herbert Sts. on Wednesdays May 25, 2011 thru November 23, 2011 from 12PM-6PM.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to approve the Special Winery License as submitted.

SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSES

Portuguese American Civic League
26 Springfield St.

Present: Mr. Mendoza

Mr. Mendoza came before the Commission requesting approval of Special Alcohol licenses 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 8, 2011, July 9, 2011 from 7PM-12AM and July 10, 2011 from 3PM-12AM.

Experienced servers will be dispensing the alcoholic beverages.

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.

Redbones Barbecue
55 Chester St.

Present: Robert Gregory

Mr. Gregory came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Alcohol license for the purpose of dispensing and selling alcoholic beverages for the Annual Block Party to be held outdoor at Chester St. to Herbert St. Intersection on Monday August 1, 2011 from 5PM-10PM. (Rain Date Aug. 8, 2011).

Experienced servers will be dispensing the alcoholic beverages.

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.

ALL FORMS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
7 DAY RESTAURANT LICENSE

Extension of Premises

Sally O'Brien's
335 Somerville Ave.

Present: Liam Mannion

Mr. Mannion came before the Commission requesting approval to serve alcoholic beverages in the outdoor seating area.

Mr. Mannion stated they would have four tables on sidewalk and two tables near the door to accommodate 16 people.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to grant the Extension of premises to serve alcohol at the outdoor patio.

Change of Hours

Alpine Restaurant Group, Inc.
d/b/a Pizzeria Posto
187 Elm St.

Present: Joseph Cassinelli

Mr. Cassinelli came before the Commission requesting approval to change hours of operation for Thursday-Saturdays until 1AM and Sunday-Wednesday until 11PM. The hours are currently 7 days a week until 11PM. This license had conditions on the hours from the Zoning Board. The ZBA has recently approved these new hours.

These hours were set by the Zoning Board.

The Chamber of Commerce is in support of this change.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to change the hours as submitted.

Status Hearing Continued From May 16, 2011

Patrick Buben d/b/a Deco Restaurant
425 Washington St.

Present: Attorney Richard DiGirolamo

Atty. DiGirolamo, representing Patrick Buben, d/b/a Deco Restaurant came before the Commission to give a status update on the All-Forms Alcoholic Beverage License.

Atty. DiGirolamo stated that Mr. Buben is in the process of clearing financial issues with the Department of Unemployment Assistant and has instructed the Licensing Commission's Administrative Assistant to file the reconsideration form with the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.

The Board feels that this approval is taking far too long.

A Motion was made to continue this matter for a status report at the October 17, 2011

Motion seconded.

Violation Hearing Continued From May 16, 2011

New Asia Restaurant
324-328 Somerville Ave.

Present: Attorney Richard DiGirolamo

Atty. DiGirolamo, representing New Asia Restaurant came before the Commission in regards to the status of the All Forms Alcoholic beverages license.

This hearing was continued from the May 16, 2011 meeting.

Atty. DiGirolamo stated that this license is going to be sold and is under agreement. The paperwork will be filed at an upcoming Licensing Hearing.

Chairman McKenna Motioned that based on the history of the applicant, this matter should be heard again in three months or until the transfer is approved.

Motion seconded.

Compliant Hearing

George Dilboy Post VFW
371 Summer St.

Present: Attorney Richard DiGirolamo

This hearing is for complaints regarding abutters not being noticed.

Chairman Upton opened the hearing for abutters to speak on this issue.

Angela Lareme stated that many direct abutters were not notified as according to MGL 's of the hearing for transfer of the location. The abutters are asking for reversal of decision from the previous Licensing meeting.

For the record Atty. DiGirolamo's office submitted a new list they obtained this afternoon from the Assessor's office. The new list is different. The new list has the missing names on it. Atty. DiGiorlamo stated that back in February he contacted the Assessors office for a new list for 351 Summer St. and was told that the new address had the same names as the old one did.

Atty. DiGirolamo has decided to refile the application again for the July hearing.

A motion was made to REVOKE the Descision to approve the change of location.

Motion was seconded.

The decision was revoked with out prejudice to the applicant.

Discussion of Return No Action Letter from ABCC

Las Brisas
561 McGrath Highway

Present: Attorney Ann Vigorito

Atty. Vigorito, representing Las Brisas came before the Commission to discuss RNA letter from The ABCC in regards to the Wine and Malt license granted by the City in February and pending State approval.

Atty. Vigorito stated that the ABCC was requesting additional documents which will be given to The Licensing Commission Administrative Assistant for submission.

The Commission will look forward to future updates.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully
Jenneen M. Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant

