

**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

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

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday
December 20, 2011
6:00 p.m.**

Commissioner John J. McKenna called the meeting to order at 6PM. Present were Commissioners Vito Vaccaro, Inspector Joseph McCain and Administrative Assistant Jenneen M. Pagliaro. (Chairman Upton arrived at the meeting at 7PM).

Minutes of the October 17, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission notice of Hearing- Mike's Bar, 97 Washington St. This was noted for the record and placed on file.

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission notice of Hearing- Somerville Post #19. This was noted for the record and placed on file.

Massachusetts State Lottery Commission re: Keno-To-Go. This was noted for the record and placed on file.

Letter from abutters regarding a request to revoke the Entertainment license issued to the Dilboy Post 529, 371 Summer St. The Board motioned to Place this item on File.

Letter from abutters regarding request for reversal of decision for change of location for Dilboy Post 529. The Board motioned to Place this item on File.

RULES

Consideration of a rule change of The Somerville Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations- rule 7.12 relating to Non-Transferable Liquor Licenses. Currently when the license are returned they must be held by the Commission for sixty days. The Commission would like to change this sixty day period to 14 days.

The City feels that the current time period for holding a license is far too long.

Commission Vaccaro is not convinced and thinks 60 days would benefit the City, while still maintaining the security of this process.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the change of rule 7.12

Voted: To approved the rules change as submitted.

Consideration for amending The Somerville Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations to require that new liquor license applicants undergo training for the sale of alcohol to underage individuals.

This matter to be continued until January meeting.

2:00AM CLOSING
ALL FORMS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES 7 DAY RESTAURANT LICENSES

EXTENDED HOURS REVIEW

The following licensees appeared before the Commission for annual review of their extension of hours until 2:00AM:

<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Address</u>
8/18/08 3/23/09 06/21/2010	Diva	246-248 Elm St.REVOKED RE-INSTATED* (07/2010)
12/21/05	Casey's	171 Broadway

Each licensee's file was reviewed for incidents/complaints and all were found to be suitable to continue with their extended hours.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To extend the 2AM license for one more year.

COMMON VICTUALER LICENSES

Target Corporation
180 Somerville Ave.

Present: Jerome Rego

Mr. Rego, representing Target Corp., came before the Commission requesting approval of a Common Victualer license at 180 Somerville Ave.

Mr. Rego stated that this would be a change from the current restaurant to Starbucks with a change to the floor plan.

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

Claudia Morrow raised a question to the Board. Ms Morrow wanted to know if two commissioners are considered a quorum for this meeting, since Chairman Upton isn't here at this time.

Commissioner McKenna stated yes two people are a quorum.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the Common Victualer license as presented.

Wing Works
201 Elm St.

Present: Myoung Park

Mr. Park came before the Commission requesting approval of a Common Victualer license at 201 Elm St.

Mr. Park stated that no changes will be made to the business, this is just new ownership.

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.

Mixtura
300 Beacon St.

Present: Rosy Cerna

Ms. Cerna came before the Commission requesting approval of a Common Victualer license at 300 Beacon St.

Ms. Cerna has 12 years restaurant experience and owns two other restaurants.

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 ALCOHOL LICENSES

Bearface Food LLC
d/b/a The Bearded Pig
201 Somerville Ave.

Present: Michael Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt came before the Commission requesting approval of a Special Alcohol license for the purpose of dispensing and selling alcoholic beverages at a Butcher Display and BBQ on January 22, 2012 from 3PM-7PM.

Mr. Schmidt stated this would be a dinner for 50 people.

Police and Fire Details have been requested and experience servers will be dispensing the alcohol.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the Special Alcohol license as submitted.

SPECIAL FARMER WINERY LICENSES

Westport Rivers, Inc.

Present: Rob 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 Somerville Winter Farmer's Market to be held at the Center for Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. on twelve consecutive Saturdays, Nov. 26, 2011 thru May 26, 2012 from 9:30AM-2:30PM.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the Special Farmer Winery license as submitted.

Still River Winery

Present: Margo Holtzman

Ms. Holtzman 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 Somerville Winter Farmer's Market to be held at the Center for Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. on twelve consecutive Saturdays, Nov. 26, 2011 thru May 26, 2012 from 9:30AM-2:30PM.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the Special Farmer Winery license as submitted.

ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES

Federal Wine & Spirits Belmont, Inc.
d/b/a Journeyman Restaurant

Present TW Lim

Mr. Lim came before the Commission requesting approval for an Entertainment License consisting of Stereo and two televisions.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the Entertainment license as submitted.

CLUB LICENSE

Change of Officer/Directors

George Dilboy Post 529, Inc.
VFW 371 Summer St.

Present: Robert Hardy

Mr. Hardy came before the Commission requesting approval for a change of Officers/Directors of the All Forms Alcohol Club license.

Mr. Hardy stated that the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission called the VFW into their offices for not submitting change of Officers.

Mr. Hardy stated he was not aware of this rule and has never filed anything in the past and wants to correct the situation right away.

Mr. O'Shea spoke of a hearing held at the ABCC last Tuesday in regards to this issue.

Ms. Morrow feels the City should wait for a decision from the ABCC in regards to this hearing.

Ms. Pagliaro, The licensing Commission Administrative Assistant stated for the record that the City has never received a copy of this hearing notice from the ABCC.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To approve the Change of Officer/Directors as submitted.

Staus Update

Continued from November 21, 2011

Las Brisas, 561 McGrath Highway to give status update on the Wine and Malt license pending at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

Attorney DiGirolamo's office asked for a continuation of this matter due to application still pending at the ABCC)

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Jenneen M. Pagliaro
Administrative Assistant