

MINUTES
LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 15, 2023
G.A.R. Room, City Hall, 45 School Street

The License Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023, in the G.A.R. Room, City Hall, 45 School Street. Present were Commissioners, Jeffrey Charnel, Robert P. Simpson, Paul Studenski, Christina Derome, Scott D. Uhlman. Also, present were License Agent Paul Bonanca, and Executive Assistant Silvia Carvalho.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the License Commission Meeting of May 18, 2023, and Special Meeting of May 8, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Studenski to approve the previously mentioned meeting of May 18, 2023, and Special Meeting of May 8, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Uhlman and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

2. Approval of the following police officers as license agents for the month of June 2023: Lieuts. Paul Bonanca and David Farrell; Sgts. Christopher McDermott, Timothy Stanton; Captain John Hallisey; Dets. Erin Cummings, Jackie Congdon, Eric Clark, Thomas Hyland, Donald Macmillan, Nazaire Paul, James Cronshaw, Ryan Quirk, Michael Micciche.

A motion was made by Commissioner Studenski to approve the license agents as listed for the month of May 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Derome and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

3. Hearing on a request from Brockton Arts; Inc., for a Special One Day Permit to Sell Wine and Malt Beverages for Art Receptions to be held at Enso Galleries-86 Centre Street, on the following dates:
July 15, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
August 5, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Present was No one.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to move the agenda item to the end of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Derome and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

4. Hearing on a request from New Westgate Mall, LLC, for a Special One Day Permit to Sell Wine and Malt Beverages for a Brews and Bites event to be held at the Westgate Mall- 200 Westgate Drive, on September 30, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mr. Dan McCallum of 698 South Avenue, Whitman, MA, and Mr. Greg Farrington of 24 Centre Street, Nantucket, MA.

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July 15, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

August 5, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Present was Jeremy Marcellus of 38 Nelson Drive, Randolph, MA.

Mr. Marcellus informed the board that one of the board members, Roland Blanchette, is going to host an open to the public art event, where people can view his current art selection that he has on display. They plan on serving light charcuterie to the public and would like to serve beer and wine. They do these events often and he is happy to answer any questions. Chairman Charnel opened the meeting to the public and asked if there was anyone in favor or opposition? He asked if there were any elected officials I would like to be heard? He closed that portion of the meeting and asked the Commissioners if they had any questions.

Commissioner Uhlman asked him where he would be getting the alcohol for the event. He replied that they have formed relationships with two wholesale liquor distributors in the city. In order to buy the liquor, they need a license from the city. Commissioner Uhlman asked him for the names, and he replied that he did not have his notebook. They can submit the information. Commissioner Derome asked him if they would be selling the alcohol? And he replied that they are serving alcohol. Lieutenant Bonanca stated that it is not a private event, so no detail is required. Chairman Charnel corrected him and stated that it is a public event. Lieutenant Bonanca stated in that case it requires one police detail if it is open to the public. Chairman Charnel asked if 125 people are expected? He replied at the maximum.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to approve the permit with one police detail. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Derome and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

9. Communications

Commissioner Uhlman informed the board that Ann's Palace is violating Massachusetts ABCC rules. They are advertising thirsty Thursdays, buy one get one free. They are also advertising a grand opening followed by DJ, drinks, and appetizers. Is she selling or giving drinks away? Ladies free with RSVP on thirsty Thursdays. He wanted to make sure the board was aware of that. Lieutenant Bonanca stated that the advertisements were brought to his attention, and he spoke to the proprietor today and she claims that they are going to be taken down. They will be taken down and she is aware that she violated ABCC regulations by posting ads.

The one that is specific where ladies get in free obviously, we cannot have discriminatory advertisements. All the others will be addressed, such as free drinks etc. She was cooperative on the phone, and he will bring the others to her attention and if she does not cooperate, she will be brought before the board for violation. Commissioner Uhlman stated that he spoke to the ABCC regarding Barrel Z, and he read the information posted by the ABCC into the record. He informed the board that Barrel Z has a license to transport alcohol.

He informed the board that Brockton Beer must sell their product to a wholesaler and it in turn must be sold back to them for an event. Brockton Beer cannot transport any product as they are not licensed to

do so. The wholesaler must deliver their product to the event. Chairman Charnel stated that we should not speak on the matter because Brockton beer is not present to say anything on their behalf. If he would like he can close the meeting and go into executive session. Commissioner Uhlman stated that per the ABCC rules, and Sean Walsh the LLA can issue permits to whoever they want, it is how the product is handled that makes the difference.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Derome and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

Respectfully Submitted,

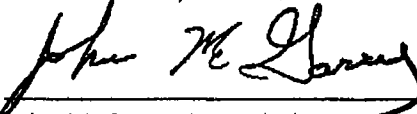


Jeffrey Charnel, Chairman

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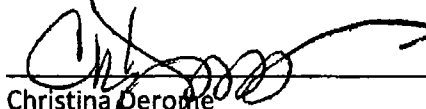
Paul Studenski, Commissioner



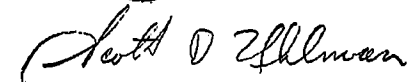
John McGarry, Commissioner



Robert P. Simpson



Christina Derome



Scott D. Uhlman