

MINUTES
LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 16, 2023
Via ZOOM

The License Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2023, via ZOOM. Present were Commissioners, Robert P. Simpson, Paul Studenski, Scott D. Uhlman, and Christina Derome. Also, present were License Agent Paul Bonanca, Executive Assistant Silvia Carvalho.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the License Commission Meeting of October 19, 2023, and the Special Meeting of October 25, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to approve the previously mentioned meeting of October 19, 2023, and the Special Meeting of October 25, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Derome and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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2. Approval of the following police officers as license agents for the month of November 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 Uhlman to approve the license agents as listed for the month of November 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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3. Hearing on a request from Green World, LLC, dba Green Heart for a Structural Change on a Retail Marijuana license at 897 North Montello Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Attorney Scott Rubin of 71 Legion Parkway, Brockton, MA.

Attorney Rubin informed the board that his client is requesting an expansion of his safe room. They are currently at step number three of a five step process. Their next step is License Commission followed by the City Council, and then the CCC. The affected area is in a corner where the old dumpster was, and they will be squaring it off to provide proper storm water management. They are hoping the board will approve their request. Commissioner Simpson opened the meeting to the public, and asked if there was anyone in favor or opposition, or any elected officials that would like to be heard. He then opened the meeting to the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to approve the Structural Change. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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4. Hearing on a request from KG Collective Brockton, LLC for a Name Change on a Retail Marijuana license located at 912 Crescent Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Mr. Marcus Johnson Smith of 90 Fancett Street, Cambridge, MA.

Mr. Johnson thanked the board for hearing their request for a Name Change on their retail marijuana license. They are looking to add Kush Groove to their name. They have a location in Cambridge, and they have gone through a similar process, the name change is for branding and marketing purposes.

Commissioner Simpson opened the meeting to the public, and asked if there was anyone in favor or opposition, or any elected officials that would like to be heard. He then opened the meeting to the Commissioners. *Lt. Bonanca stated that he had no complaints or objections.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to approve the Name Change. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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5. Hearing on a request from N & H Liquor, Inc., dba Sweeney's Discount Liquors, Manager Rameshbhai, make application for Issuance/Transfer of Stock/New Shareholder on an All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store license, at 1145 West Chestnut Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Attorney Matthew Porter of 480 Turnpike Street, North Easton, MA, and Mr. Pinaken Patel of 85 East Main Street, Avon, MA.

Attorney Porter informed the board that his client is looking to transfer 50% of his stock, to his partner, so it will be 75% -25%, and it requires ABCC approval. Commissioner Simpson opened the meeting up to the public, and if there was anyone in favor or opposition, or any elected officials that would like to be heard. He then opened the meeting the Commissioners. *Lt Bonanca stated that he had no issues or objections.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to approve the Issuance/Transfer of Stock/ New Shareholder. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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6. Hearing on a request from LHJ, LLC, dba Chinatown Restaurant for a Common Victualer license located at 51 Oak Street, Extension, Brockton, MA.

Present was Attorney Russell Chin of 400 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA.

Attorney Chin stated that his client would like to transfer the Common Victualer license from the current owner, *without transferring the other licenses at this time. The new owner has acknowledged that they will return the licenses currently held by the previous owner.* Commissioner Simpson opened the meeting to the public, and asked if there was anyone in favor or opposition, or any elected officials that would like to be heard. He then opened the meeting to the Commissioners. *Lt. Bonanca informed Attorney Chinn that the licenses must be turned in to the city, other than that he has no objections.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to approve the license. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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7. Hearing on a request from Red Crab Brockton, Inc., dba Juicy Seafood for an Entertainment license at 683 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Ms. Yanchun Zhang of 683 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA.

The owners of the business stated that they are a seafood dine-in restaurant looking to obtain an Entertainment license. They would like to have a live band perform and they will move some of the seats to accommodate entertainment. Commissioner Simpson opened the meeting to the public, and asked if there was anyone in favor or opposition, or any elected officials that would like to be heard. He then opened the meeting to the Commissioners. Commissioner Uhlman stated that the windows are covered up and the inside is not visible. Lt. Bonanca informed the owners that the film on the exterior windows must be removed, and a new plan showing the adjustment to the seating must be submitted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to postpone to the next month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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8. Hearing on a request from North End Motors, dba AutoMecca.com for a Class II Used Car Dealers license at 248 North Main Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Attorney Jake Creedon of 71 Legion Parkway, Brockton, MA, and Mr. Mohammed Ahmed of 112 Matfield, West Bridgewater, MA.

Attorney Creedon stated that his client has owned the property for 37 years, and he transferred the license to a couple of South Korean gentlemen a few years ago and they have not exercised the license. Mr. Ahmed tried to locate the men and was unable to, he heard they moved to South Korea. He obtained a judgment in the amount of \$37,000, against them and is looking to reopen the dealership. He met with Allison Cogliano from the Law Department and has submitted a new parking plan to Deputy Chief Williams. He is aware that the spaces must be 9x20, and Mr. Ahmed is fully committed and will be there, fifty percent of the time. The hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m, Monday through Saturday, closed on Sunday. Commissioner Simpson opened the meeting to the public, and asked if there was anyone in favor or opposition, or any elected officials that would like to be heard. He then opened the meeting to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Uhlman stated that he spoke to the owner, and he understands what he went through, he also tried to locate the previous owners and was unable to do so. It was his license to begin with and it should be returned to him. Lt. Bonanca stated that there was no detailed plan submitted, they must have an ADA compliant parking space. The customer and employee spaces must be properly delineated, and the parking lot must be restriped.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to approve the license. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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9. Hearing on a request from Financial Freedom American Corporation, dba The Garden Café, for a Common Victualer license located at 245 Main Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Ms. Synovia Thomas of 8 Coram Street, Taunton, MA.

Ms. Thomas informed the board that she is starting a family business, serving finger foods, it will be very simple. Commissioner Simpson opened the meeting to the public, and asked if there was anyone in favor or opposition, or any elected officials that would like to be heard. He then opened the meeting to the Commissioners. Commissioner Uhlman stated that he has an issue with a Coffee bar being open until

1:30 a.m. Ms. Thomas stated that she heard that the normal closing hour in Brockton was 2:00 a.m. Lt. Bonanca stated that he did an inspection, and the premises is still under construction. He has no objections as long as they get all of the proper signoffs, and the other departments approve. The hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, closed on Sunday.


A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to approve the license with a 1:00 a.m. closing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Studenski and approved by all members present with Commissioner Uhlman voting in the negative.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Derome and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

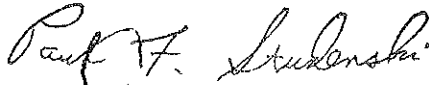
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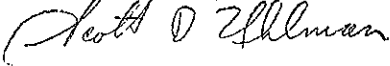
Robert P Simpson, Commissioner

APPROVED



Paul Studenski, Commissioner

Christina Derome, Commissioner



Scott D. Uhlman, Commissioner