

**CITY OF WOBURN
CITY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & LICENSE
WOBURN CITY HALL
COMMITTEE ROOM
MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024, at 6:28 p.m.**

Voting members present: Chair Robert Ferullo, Councilor Joseph Demers, Councilor Robert Toro, and Councilor Joanne Campbell: Absent: Councilor William Pappalardo

Non-voting members present: President Jeffrey Dillon, Councilor Lou DiMambro, and Councilor Charles Viola. Absent: Councilor Darlene Mercer-Bruen

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MOTION made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Toro to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the meeting of July 1, 2024, all in favor, 4-0.

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Saheli, 400 West Cummings Park, request for waiver of umbrella liability insurance for special event permit: Representing the petitioner was Deepali Gulati, 400 West Cummings Park, Woburn, MA. Ms. Gulati said this will be the first time Saheli will be holding its annual Domestic Violence Awareness Walk in Woburn and she expects 100-150 people to attend. She said she feels it is important to bring awareness to domestic violence awareness. She said the event will be held on Saturday, October 19, at Horn Pond, from 9-11 a.m. She said it will be for the entire community. She said attendees will be from other areas of the state including MetroWest and Worcester. Councilor Toro said he is ecstatic to see Saheli bringing this event from Burlington to Woburn. He said he is happy to support this event. Councilor Demers said he will be also voting in support of this permit. Councilor Campbell asked how long the walk will be and where does it start. Mr. Gulati said the they will be walking approximately five kilometers. She said they have not determined a starting point. Councilor Campbell asked if a police detail will be hired. Ms. Gulati answered affirmatively. Councilor Campbell said there are many runners at the pond and the walkers will have to be careful. She said it's a very busy area. She said she wants to make sure everything is safe. Councilor DiMambro said if Saheli is looking for a 5k distance, it could also use the lagoon. He said there is less traffic at the lagoon. He urged Ms. Gulati to check in with Police Chief Robert Rufo about police details. Ms. Gulati said this is the fourth year of this event. She said she does not know the route well and he was hoping to get suggestions from the police. Councilor Campbell said the district she represents includes Horn Pond and she can help Ms. Gulati plot a route. She agreed with Councilor DiMambro that using the lagoon will extend the distance. She said it is really beautiful there. She said she will reach out to Ms. Gulati. Motion made by Councilor Toro and seconded by Councilor Demers to suspend the council's rules to allow any member of the council not on the committee to address the application; approved, 4-0. Councilor Viola said he met Ms. Gulati at Denim Day. He said Saheli is a worthy organization and he is in favor of supporting the petition.

Motion made by Councilor Toro and seconded by Councilor Demers to return to the regular order of business; approved, 4-0. Motion made by Councilor Demers and seconded by Councilor Toro that the waiver of liability insurance “ought to pass;”; approved, 4-0.

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Amine71 Limousine Corp., 112 Main St., application for new livery license: Chair Ferullo said he would like to keep this application in committee until the committee’s second meeting in September.

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MOTION made by Councilor Toro and seconded by Councilor Demers to adjourn; all in favor, 4-0. Chairman Ferullo adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees