

**Woburn License Commission
Regular Meeting
City Council Chamber
Thursday, May 19, 2022**

Voting Members present: Chairman Thomas Skeffington, Commissioner William Pappalardo, and Commissioner David Gilgun

Also present: Woburn Police Capt. John Murphy, liaison to the License Commission

Chairman Skeffington convened the regular meeting of the License Commission at 6 p.m.

- 1. Olive Garden Holdings LLC, 369 Washington St., Woburn, application for a new all-alcoholic beverages license, and a standup drinking permit, at 369 Washington St., Woburn:** Representing the applicant were Attorney Joseph Devlin, Upton, Connell & Devlin LLP, 112 Water Street, Boston, MA; and Steven Blaise, proposed manager for Olive Garden, 369 Washington St., Woburn, MA. Attorney Delvin said Olive Garden is seeking a liquor license and a standup drinking permit at the former Red Robin site on Washington Street. Chairman Skeffington said the application for the standup drinking permit is not signed by the municipal department heads, as required. Attorney Devlin said there is a deadline to file for the liquor license and the standup drinking permit will be completed prior to opening. He said the signoffs will be coordinated. Commissioner Gilgun asked when Olive Garden plans to open. Mr. Blaise said the restaurant is scheduled to open next June. Attorney Devlin said the restaurant will open in about a year. Capt. Murphy said the applicant has time to collect the signatures for the standup drinking permit. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the commission about the petition. There were no respondents. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun that the application for a new liquor license be granted and the application for a standup drinking permit be granted subject to the acquisition of signoffs from the appropriate municipal department heads; approved, 3-0.
- 2. Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 70 Montvale Avenue, Woburn, application for special 1-day liquor licenses for a festival on Thursday, June 2, 2022, from 4-10 p.m.; Friday, June 3, 2022, from 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; and Saturday, June 4, 2022, from 11a.m.-11 p.m.** Representing the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church was Taki Lambropoulos, 70 Montvale Avenue, Woburn, MA. Chairman Skeffington said it appears the Greek Church's annual festival is back. Mr. Lambropoulos said church officials have been busy preparing for the festival. Commissioner Pappalardo said the Greek Church does an excellent job with this event. Capt. Murphy said the Greek Church has always been cooperative with police and whatever issues there have been in the past are very, very minor. Commissioner Gilgun asked if there will be a police detail at the event. Capt. Murphy said there usually is a police detail. He said the only issues there have ever been with this event involved parking. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the board in regard to the petition. There were no respondents. Motion made by

Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun to grant the special 1-day licenses and waive the application fee; approved, 3-0.

- 3. Shamrock Running Club, application for a special 1-day liquor license for a road race at Spence Farm, 41 Wyman St., Woburn, on Monday, July 4, 2022, from 9:30 a.m.-noon:** Representing the Shamrock Running Club was Sarah Aloisi. Chairman Skeffington asked if the alcohol will be delivered the day before the event or the day of the event. He said the distinction is the commission would have to consider a second 1-day permit if the alcohol arrives the day before the event. Ms. Aloisi said the alcohol will arrive the day of the event because there are no refrigeration facilities at Spence Farm. She said the event will raise money for high school students. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the board in regard to the petition. There were no respondents. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun to grant the special 1-day license and waive the application fee; approved, 3-0.
- 4. Woburn Social Capital Inc., application for a special 1-day liquor license for a community event celebrating the Juneteenth holiday at the Woburn Public Library, 45 Pleasant St., Woburn, on Saturday, June 18, 2022, from 1-4 p.m.:** Representing the applicant was Philip Gordon, 165 New Boston Street, Woburn, MA. Mr. Gordon said Woburn SCI is holding its second annual Juneteenth festival to commemorate emancipation and is seeking a 1-day liquor license to serve alcohol. He said SCI is working with a number of community organizations including the NAACP and Woburn Welcomes. He said this will be a big community effort in the context of a larger national commemoration of Juneteenth. He said there will also be a local art exhibit. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the board in regard to the petition. There were no respondents. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun to grant the special 1-day license and waive the application fee; approved, 3-0.
- 5. Woburn-Stoneham Lodge of Elks #908, 295 Washington St., Woburn, applications for special 1-day liquor licenses for the following: Brunch on May 22, 2022, from 10 a.m.-noon; Cigar club fundraiser on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, from 6-11 p.m.; Brunch on Sunday, June 12, 2022, from 10 a.m.-noon; and a pig roast on Saturday, September 10, 2022, from noon-8 p.m.:** Representing the applicant was Patti Robichaud, Secretary, and Robert Manzella, Exalted Ruler, 295 Washington St., Woburn, MA. Chairman Skeffington said the only special 1-day license that is required is for the pig roast, as the other three events will be held inside. Mr. Manzella said the Elks are seeking early opening hours for the brunch events instead of 1-day licenses. Chairman Skeffington asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the commission in regard to the petition. There were no respondents. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun to grant requests for extended hours on May 22, 2022; and June 12, 2022; and a special 1-day liquor license for a pig roast on September 10, 2022, and waive the application fee; approved, 3-0.

6. **Cessation of operations at Krispy Krunchy Chicken, 902 Main St., Woburn, MA:** Clerk of the commission said Krispy Krunchy Chicken has turned in its Common Victualer's license and has ceased operations. He said the premises does not have a liquor license so there is no ABCC notification required.
7. **Approval of meeting minutes from April 28, 2022, and May 5, 2022:** Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 28, 2022, and May 5, 2022; approved, 3-0.
8. **Any other matters that may be legally before the Commission:** Chairman Skeffington said the License Commission will meet on the following days: Thursday, June 23, 2022; Thursday, July 14, 2022; Thursday, August 18, 2022; and Thursday, September 15, 2022. Commissioner Gilgun said he would like to invite to the June meeting the principals of Sogno restaurant at 304 Cambridge Road, which has said is still not open. He said the liquor license is becoming a pocket license. Chairman Skeffington said past practice has been to allow the clerk to accept applications and filing until 2 p.m. on the Thursday a week before the regular meeting. He said this is becoming problematic for the clerk, who has been accepting incomplete applications. Clerk said he has been giving petitioners some leeway during the Covid-19 pandemic because access to City Hall was limited, but City Hall has long since returned to regular hours. Chairman Skeffington said he wants to set a deadline of 4 p.m. on the Wednesday the week before the meeting. He said he wants this to be a firm deadline and the clerk should not be accepting any incomplete filings. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun to amend the commission's rules to set a deadline of 4 p.m. on the Wednesday the week before a regular meeting to accept any applications and filings; approved, 3-0.
9. **Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Commissioner Gilgun to adjourn; approved, 3-0.** Chairman Skeffington adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

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