

**Woburn License Commission
Regular Meeting
City Council Chamber
Thursday, August 18, 2022 – 6 p.m.**

Voting Members present: Chairman pro tem David Gilgun and Commissioner William Pappalardo. Absent: Chairman Thomas Skeffington

Also present: Woburn Police Capt. John Murphy

Chairman pro tem Gilgun convened the meeting of the License Commission at 6 p.m.

- 1. Dog House Bar & Grill, 434 Main St., application for alteration of premises:** Representing the Dog House Bar & Grill was Hugo Moraes, 434 Main St., Woburn, MA. Mr. Moraes said he is close to opening the rooftop above the Dog House. He said he is seeking approval of alteration of premises for the rooftop area. Commissioner Pappalardo said the rooftop dining component has been in the planning stage for a while and asked if there are any changes since the original version of the rooftop dining ordinance was passed. Mr. Moraes said there have been a couple of minor changes to the seating configuration but there have been no structural alterations to the premises. Capt. Murphy said Mr. Moraes has worked with police on safety issues. Chairman pro tem Gilgun 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 Chairman pro tem Gilgun to approve the petition for alteration of premises; in favor, 2-0.
- 2. Blues for Veterans, application for special 1-day liquor license for a music festival at Library Park on Saturday, September 17, 2022, from 1-8:30 p.m.:** Representing Blues for Veterans was Joseph Simas, P.O. Box 6, Woburn, MA. Mr. Simas said this will be the 10th Blues for Veterans event. He said the previous nine events have raised a total of \$125,000 for several organizations that support veterans. Capt. Murphy said the Woburn Police Dept. works closely with Blues for Veterans. He said there has always been communication and cooperation with the Blues for Veterans organization. Chairman pro tem Gilgun said the Blues for Veterans organization has always done a tremendous job. Commissioner Pappalardo said the organization is well-run. Chairman pro tem Gilgun asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the commission in regard to the petition. Jeffrey Dillon, Ward 3 Councilor, said he supports the application 100 percent. He said anything the city can do to support veterans is appreciated. Charles Viola, Ward 7 Councilor, said Blues for Veterans does a great job. He said there have never been any issues with any Blues for Veterans events. He said he supports the application 100 percent. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Chairman pro tem Gilgun to grant the special 1-day license; approved, 2-0.
- 3. Surf Seafood, 300 Mishawum Road, application for standup drinking permit and request for brunch hours on Sunday:** Representing Surf Seafood was Michael Buckley, 300 Mishawum Road, Woburn, MA. Mr. Buckley said he has submitted all the required paperwork for serving liquor during brunch on Sundays, as well as an

application for standup drinking. Commissioner Pappalardo said he has heard good reviews so far. Mr. Buckley said they are thrilled with the response so far. He said he has nothing but good things to say about working with the people at City Hall. Capt. Murphy said Surf Seafood has been very pro-active. He said he advised them of the standup drinking application requirement and they jumped right on it. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Chairman pro tem Gilgun to grant the standup drinking permit and permission for brunch service starting at 11 a.m. on Sundays; approved, 2-0.

- 4. Bertucci's, 17 Commerce Way, application for change of manager:** Representing Bertucci's was William J. Wells Jr., 17 Commerce Way, Woburn, MA. Mr. Wells said he has just recently been appointed manager of the Bertucci's restaurant in Woburn. Chairman pro tem Gilgun 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 Chairman pro tem Gilgun to grant the application for change of manager; approved, 2-0.
- 5. Approval of meeting minutes from July 14, 2022:** Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Chairman pro tem Gilgun to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 14, 2022; in favor, 2-0.
- 6. Any other matters that may be legally before the Commission:** Chairman pro tem Gilgun said the commission is in receipt of a list of incidents at local hotels from January 1 to July 13. Clerk said he spoke to Chairman Skeffington via telephone this afternoon and Chairman Skeffington requested a continuance of the matter until the commission's meeting in September. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Chairman pro tem Gilgun to continue the matter to the commission's meeting on Sept. 15; approved, 2-0. Commissioner Pappalardo said he is amenable to starting commission meetings at an earlier time, as was the previous custom.
- 7. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Chairman pro tem Gilgun to adjourn; approved, 2-0.** Chairman pro tem Gilgun adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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