

**COMMITTEE ON LIAISON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER
WOBURN CITY HALL**

Voting Members present: President Michael Concannon, Councilor Robert Ferullo, Councilor Joanne Campbell, Councilor Richard Gately, Councilor Jeffrey Dillon, Councilor Joseph Demers (late), Councilor Darlene Mercer-Bruen, Councilor Lou DiMambro, and Councilor Charles Viola

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Reading of previous meeting minutes: President Concannon said a portion of the Liaison Committee meeting on June 27, 2022, was held in executive session regarding a settlement with National Amusements Inc. and the clerk will inquire with the City Solicitor as to whether the minutes can be released. Motion made and seconded by Councilor Dillon and seconded by Councilor Mercer-Bruen to table the matter; approved, 8-0.

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Order for Extension of Home Rule Petition for Liquor Licenses at Woburn Village on Mishawum Road: Motion made by Councilor Dillon and seconded by Councilor Mercer-Bruen to take collectively the next two items on the posted agenda; approved, 8-0. Motion made by Councilor Dillon and seconded by Councilor Mercer-Bruen to allow the attorney representing the owner of Woburn Village to address the committee. Appearing for Woburn (Edens) LLC, 300 Mishawum Road, Woburn, MA, was Attorney Mark Vaughan, Reimer & Braunstein LLP, 700 District Avenue, 7th Floor, Burlington, MA. Attorney Vaughan said he hopes the correspondence to the City Council speaks for itself. He said the City Council supported a home rule petition for a number of liquor licenses three years ago. He said he is hoping for the council's support for a 3-year extension so more licenses can be issued. He said the licenses are site-specific. He said the home rule petition was approved right before the onset of the pandemic and they are looking for additional time to issue the liquor licenses. He said Edens has made tremendous progress at the site. He said the home rule petition has a clause that requires the liquor licenses to be issued by May 2023. He said that clause was put into the legislation by one of the committees in the House of Representatives and not any agency affiliated with the city. He said Edens is looking for a 3-year extension to the home rule petition. Councilor Demers arrived at 6:08 p.m. Attorney Vaughan said what Edens is building is what the City Council wanted to see. He said the importance of the liquor licenses is critical to that vision. Councilor Gately asked if there is a package store at Woburn Village. Attorney Vaughan said there is a package store and it was there prior to the Woburn Village development. He said the package store is next to the Qdoba restaurant. He said the package store does not impact the number of liquor licenses stipulated in the home rule petition. President Concannon said the committee has a communication from the License Commission, which unanimously supported the extension of the home rule petition. Motion made by Councilor Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Councilor Dillon to return to the regular order of business; approved, 9-0. Motion made by Councilor Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Councilor Dillon that the order "ought to pass;" approved, 9-0.

Communication from License Commission regarding Home Rule Petition for Woburn Village on Mishawum Road: See preceding item.

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Motion made by Councilor Dillon and seconded by Councilor Mercer-Bruen to adjourn; approved, 9-0. President Concannon adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Attest: _____

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees