

**Woburn License Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Committee Room  
Thursday, July 20, 2023**

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 5:30 p.m.

- 1. Hearing for License Commission Rules & Regulations (continued from meeting of June 15, 2023):** Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Chairman pro tem Gilgun to continue the hearing for the amended License Commission Rules & Regulations until the commission's meeting in August; approved, 2-0.
  
- 2. Greater Boston Police Softball League, 25 Harrison Avenue, application for a special 1-day liquor license for a softball tournament at Library Park from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2023:** Representing the applicant was Robert Dowd, 25 Harrison Ave., Woburn, MA. Mr. Dowd said the Greater Boston Police Softball League is requesting a special 1-day liquor license for the annual Jack Maguire Memorial Softball Tournament, which he said has been going on for at least the last 10 years. Capt. Murphy said this tournament is a very important tradition the police department has carried on in Officer Maguire's memory. He said the police department appreciates the commission's cooperation. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Chairman pro tem Gilgun to grant the special 1-day license and waive the \$100 application fee; approved, 2-0.
  
- 3. Lord Hobo Brewing Co., 5 Draper Street, application for a special 1-day liquor license for a road race at 5 Draper St., from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, 2023:** Representing Lord Hobo Brewing Co. was Kate Ballinger, 5 Draper St., Woburn, MA. Ms. Ballinger said Lord Hobo is seeking a special 1-day liquor license to serve alcohol at a charity road race to benefit Woburn Council of Social Concern. She said this event raised approximately \$10,000 for the Greater Boston Food Bank last year. She said they chose a charity closer to home this year. Chairman pro tem Gilgun asked if there will be any police presence during the event. Ms. Ballinger said there will be police details along the route in both Winchester and Woburn and at the venue. She said they will hire court officers. Capt. Murphy said the event last year was run very professionally. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Chairman pro tem Gilgun to grant the special 1-day liquor license; approved, 3-0.
  
- 4. NY Foods LLC, dba Teresa's Ristorante, 400 Trade Center, application for new Common Victualer's license:** Representing NY Foods LLC were Owner/President

Nicholas Yebba, and Sean Davis, Vice President of Operations, both of 400 Trade Center, Woburn, MA. Chairman pro tem Gilgun said the Common Victualer's application is incomplete because it lacks signatures from department heads. Mr. Yebba said he has obtained the Police Chief's signature. He said the fire department was there and will be back tomorrow. He said he has spoken with the inspector from the Board of Health and there are a few items that need to be addressed. Chairman pro tem Gilgun said the commission can approve the license subject to the applicant obtaining all the required signatures. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Chairman pro tem Gilgun to grant the Common Victualer's license contingent upon the applicant obtaining the required signatures on the application; approved, 2-0. Chairman pro tem Gilgun asked if Mr. Yebba wants to say something about the restaurant because the meeting is being broadcast on live television. Mr. Yebba said the inside of the restaurant has been completely remodeled. He said the bar is the same size. He said the restaurant will have an Italian menu that is medium-priced. He said he thinks the restaurant will have an ambiance that the customers will really like. He said the bar will be completely done over. He said the bar area will be much more accessible and more colorful. He said it will be lit up and everything will be new. He said he has dealt with cities all over the country and he has never dealt with a city like Woburn. He said everyone has been receptive to them. He said he wants to say thank you. He said he won't disappoint the city or city officials. Commissioner Pappalardo said Teresa's comes with a good reputation. Chairman pro tem Gilgun asked if there is an opening date. Mr. Yebba said they are looking at a soft opening within 10-15 days. He said the grand opening will be in September. He said they will open soft and iron everything out.

5. **Woburn Gong Cha, 486 Main Street, application for a new Common Victualer's license:** Representing Woburn Gong Cha was Minyu Chen, 486 Main Street, Woburn, MA. Ms. Chen said Gong Cha is a new style of beverage similar to bubble tea. She said they will also be selling slush, coffee, regular tea, and fruity tea. She said plants from Taiwan are used to create Gong Cha style tea and there are no allergens. She said Gong Cha style tea is becoming more popular. She said all the ingredients are shipped from Taiwan. Commissioner Pappalardo wished Ms. Chen luck. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Chairman pro tem Gilgun to grant the Common Victualer's license; approved, 2-0.
  
6. **Status update for late Common Victualer's license:** Clerk said there are two outstanding Common Victualer's applications, for Woburn Bowladrome and Andrea's Pizza. Clerk said he sent a cease-and-desist notice to Andrea's Pizza on July 12. He said Mr. Exarchos came to the office this week and said he would resolve his tax issues. He said he has not heard anything new about the Woburn Bowladrome. He said he has heard the premises is going to be sold but nothing has been filed to that effect. Chairman pro tem Gilgun asked if the bowling alley is closed for the summer. Clerk said he believes the bowling alley is closed for the summer. Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and

seconded by Chairman pro tem Gilgun to continue the matter until the August meeting; approved, 2-0.

7. **Approval of meeting minutes from June 15, 2023:** Motion made by Commissioner Pappalardo and seconded by Chairman pro tem Gilgun to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 15, 2023, as amended; approved, 2-0.
8. **Any other matters that may be legally before the Commission:** None
9. **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 5:46 p.m.

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Gordon Vincent  
Clerk of Committees