



City of Westfield, Massachusetts

LICENSE COMMISSION

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LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, May 19, 2021 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the City of Westfield License Commission will be conducted via remote participation. Specific information can be found on the City of Westfield website at www.cityofwestfield.org. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so by tuning into Channel 15 or Channel 12 or online at westfieldtv.org or online at Youtube.com - Westfield Community Programming Channel. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the City's website an audio recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

Access information for the meeting is as follows:

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Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Mowatt, Commissioner Diaz and Commissioner Dawicki were present.

The next license commission meeting was confirmed for June 23, 2021.

A motion was made by Chairman Mowatt, seconded and unanimously VOTED to approve the minutes of March 24, 2021 as presented.

REGULAR MEETING:

1. Shree Ganpati, Inc. d/b/a Westfield Spirit Shop, Asha D Patel, mgr, 440 Southampton Road, Westfield, MA requesting a pledge of license and inventory to Rockland Trust Bank.

The office manager stated that this request will be heard at the June meeting as the Licensee is still pending the submission of documents.

2. Brandy Mitchell d/b/a Readings by Brandy, 69 Southwick Road, requesting a Fortune Teller License.

Brandy Mitchell was present on the teleconference and stated the following:

- She will be established at 69 Southwick Road.
- She will be the only person doing the Tarot card readings, telling fortunes and psalms readings.
- It will be run as appointment only at this time due to COVID and her screening process.
- Westfield seems like a great place to open a business.
- She has professionally been pdoing this for over fourteen years.

The Office manager stated that the paperwork is in order.

A motion was made by Chairman Mowatt, seconded and unanimously VOTED to approve the fortune teller license.

3. Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival, Inc. Peter Langmore, requesting a Section 14 one day wine & malt license for a Drive in Style Live Concert at 702 Western Avenue, Westfield State University South Parking Lot on July 17, 2021 at 4:30pm with a possible 2nd show at 2pm)

The office manager stated that the applicant has withdrawn this request.

4. Correspondence from Brill's Auto Repair, Inc., 383 Southampton Road, Westfield, MA, David G Brill, owner.

The office manager that the Licensee has surrendered their Class 2 Auto Wholesale license. Mr. David Brill, owner would like to thank the License Commission for granting him a Class 2 Auto license for close to fifty years.

5. The following police incidents were read and filed by the Commission.
 - a. City Hotel incident# 21-13656 dated 4-29-2021
 - b. Gabe's 252 incident# 21-13336 dated 4-24-2021 Commissioner Diaz noted that the incident says Rain but the new name of the establishment is Gabe's 252.
 - c. Gabe's 252 incident# 21-13250 dated 4-24-2021 Commissioner Diaz noted that the incident says Rain but the new name of the establishment is Gabe's 252.
 - d. Gabe's 252 incident# 21-13110 dated 4-22-2021 Commissioner Diaz noted that the incident says Rain but the new name of the establishment is Gabe's 252.
 - e. Rally's Sports Bar incident# 21-15358 dated 5-12-2021
 - f. Rally's Sports Bar incident# 21-15366 dated 5-12-2021

6. A motion was made by Chairman Mowatt, seconded and unanimously VOTED to approve Chairman Mowatt and City Clerk Karen Fanion as contract signatories for the contract signature authorization form for Fiscal Year 2022..

LATE COMMUNICATION:

1. Letter from Great Awakening Brewing Company, 77 Mill Street, Westfield, MA 01085.

The Office Manager stated that the licensee currently has a Farmer Brewery License with the ABCC and a Farmer Pouring Permit with the City to serve the beer they produce. They are looking to transfer to a Pub Brewery License with the ABCC and a Beer & Wine or All Alcohol Pouring License with the City so they can sell and serve their beer and other alcohol from other suppliers. They would like to hold the same licenses as Skyline. The application packet has been emailed to them. When they submit the application, the Commission could either deny the request or approve the request contingent upon receiving the Pub Brewery License from the ABCC. Once received the licensee would then turn in their farmer series pouring license for the new pouring permit they applied for.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. The office manager stated that at the last commission meeting the commission approved the request of 287 North Elm Street for a section 15 All Alcohol Package Store License through the Special Act of the Legislature. The Licensee has decided to hold off at the moment to start the process. He will advise us when he is ready to move forward.
2. The office manager stated that she was going to inform the commission of the ABCC advisory issued on May 4, 2021 but Governor Baker just recently updated the COVID guidelines.

The office manager stated that she will be attending a zoom meeting that the ABCC is holding to discuss the new updated COVID guidelines.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.



Christopher Mowatt, Chairman Approved: