



LICENSE COMMISSION

59 COURT STREET
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
JUNE 14, 2022 AT 6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Mowatt. All members of the License Commission were present.

Upon motion of Alice Dawicki the minutes of April 11, 2022 and May 9, 2022 were approved. The next meeting was set for July 11, 2022.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

REGULAR MEETING

3. The Chairman stated that all future Public Hearings can be set by the License Commission Head Clerk. He instructed her to schedule a Public Hearing for Dawn M. Whitehill, manager, submitting an Application for New Wine and Malt License for Dawn M. Whitehill dba Pottery Cellar, 77 Mill Street.

4. Upon motion of Chairman Mowatt, it was VOTED: that an Application for Amendment - Change of Business Entity Information by Shi Quan Wu, manager, for SQW, LLC 1029 North Road, Westfield MA, from Sole Proprietor to LLC be APPROVED.

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Mowatt asked the applicant if any changes had been made since the initial application. He informed the applicant that if the current officers don't match, it will be kicked back. Commissioner Dawicki asked what the current name was, and if only the corporate structure was being changed. Mr. Wu stated the name is SQW, LLC and confirmed it only the corporate structure would be changed. Commissioner Mowatt asked that the Commission be notified of ABCC's decision.

5. Upon motion of Andy Grenier, it was VOTED: that a request for Outdoor Patio Service pursuant to ABCC Outdoor Service Area Guidelines at Great Awakening Brewing Company, LLC by owner, Andy Grenier be APPROVED.

Prior to the vote, Andy Grenier, owner of Great Awakening stated they currently have 12,000 square feet of indoor space. They have seen up to a 65% decline in sales during the nice weather. The plan includes securing off 4 parking spaces in the rear lot to have outdoor alcohol service of beers they manufacture as well as food service. Commissioner Diaz asked which entrance they would be using. Mr. Grenier referred to the map and stated he would be using the ADA entrance. Commissioner Diaz asked if they would be setting up a bar area. Mr. Grenier confirmed stating they would have a 10x10 staff tent and have kegs of beers and

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bottles for bottle service. Commissioner Mowatt informed the applicant that the ABCC outdoor dining was intended to allow outdoor dining as long as the City approves. Setting up a bar outside changes the footprint and establishes a new space. This would require a new application with ABCC. Commissioner Dawicki confirmed stating that the ABCC guidelines are for outdoor tables only. Mr Grenier understood and stated he would just extend the outdoor dining piece at this time. He informed the Commission that his staff would run drinks/food outside. In tandem he would move towards applying for outdoor bar services. Commissioner Diaz asked if there was an outdoor deck area. Mr. Grenier stated that he is working with a structural engineer to assess the feasibility of that. They are hoping to add a 10' balcony on the side of the taproom, overlooking the dam and attach it to the building. It would be contiguous with the current space. They are looking at a February 2023 construction date to start. Commissioner Mowatt asked about the request to have live acoustic music. Mr. Grenier informed the Commission that they have solo or duo performers lined up every Thursday-Sunday through August. If approved for outdoor dining, they would like the ability to have the performances outdoors. Commissioner Mowatt stated that licensees have had a difficult time with licenses for outdoor entertainment, noting variables that factor in, such as wind carrying the music and being too loud for neighbors. Mr. Grenier requested a trial weekend performance. Commissioner Mowatt stated that an application to add the outdoor music to the license would need to be completed to allow for public participation at the next meeting. Commissioner Dawicki asked if the 15 tables, shown on the diagram provided, would stay the same without an outdoor service area. Mr. Grenier confirmed, stating he believes his staff is strong enough to accommodate that capacity. Commissioner Mowatt asked if he could file a letter of approval from the landlord with the Licensing Office. Commissioner Diaz asked if they had considered a tent in front by the awning. Mr. Grenier said the visibility would be nice from 10/202 but operationally it would be more challenging at that entrance. The views of Crane Pond and the river are nicer in the back. Commissioner Diaz noted there are residents across the river and to keep that in mind when applying for music. Mr. Grenier acknowledged the challenges outdoor music faced and said he would brainstorm with his team. Commissioner Mowatt stated the motion to approve would be for the outdoor dining request ONLY contingent on submission of landlord approval. This is under the ABCC Outdoor Service extension until April 2023.

6. Commissioner Mowatt read the following Section 14, One Day Licenses that were previously approved by the Chair via email.

- a. Westfield State University, 577 Western Ave, Scanlon Banquet Hall, June 10, 2022
- b. Westfield State University, 577 Western Ave, Nettie Stevens Science Center, June 28, 2022

7. Upon motion of Commissioner Mowatt, it was

VOTED: to request Skyline Beer Company, LLC, 98 Southwick Road, to be called in for an Informational Hearing on Incident #22-16058.

Prior to the vote, the Committee reviewed the complaint forms that were submitted to the License Commission and the Police Call log. They unanimously agreed that they wanted to review the event and decide if any amendments needed to be made before additional upcoming events.

8. Police Incident Reports

Upon motion of Commissioner Dawicki and duly seconded by Commissioner Diaz, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: That the following reports be placed on file.

- # 22-10976 - Rally's Sports Bar - 119 Meadow Street
- #22-12118 - Froggy's Saloon - 846 Airport Industrial Park Road
- #22-12619 - Rally's Sports Bar - 119 Meadow Street
- #22-13141 - Hangar Bar & Grill - 29 School Street
- #22-13280 - Gabe 252 - 252 Elm Street
- #22-13405 - Gabe 252 - 252 Elm Street
- #22-14873 - Hangar Bar & Grill - 29 School Street
- #22-16908 - Hutghi's At The Nook - 8 Franklin Street
- #22-17009 - Rally's Sports Bar - 119 Meadow Street

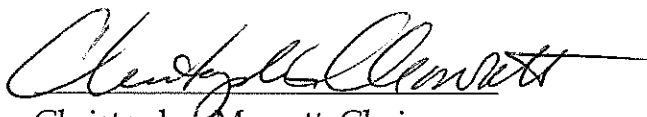
Upon motion of Commissioner Mowatt, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: To call in Maple Leaf Bar and Grill for an Informational Hearing on Incident #22-17815.

Prior to the vote, the Commissioners discussed the narrative and their concern that there was possible overserving.

At 6:48 PM, and upon motion of Commissioner Mowatt, it was VOTED: To ADJOURN.

A true record, Attest:

Kaitlyn Leigh Bruce
Interim City Clerk/Interim Administrator for License Commission



Christopher Mowatt, Chair

WESTFIELD LICENSE COMMISSION'S MISSION STATEMENT
TO SERVE THE PUBLIC NEED AND PROTECT THE COMMON GOOD OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF
WESTFIELD, BY ENSURING THAT ALL LICENSEES GOVERNED BY THE COMMISSION OPERATE IN
COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH

