

**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

**City Council Chambers
2nd Floor
City Hall
93 Highland Ave.**

**Regular Meeting
Monday
October 21, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

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***DRAFT OF THE
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
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***The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm. Present were Commissioners, Lynch, and Allen, and Secretary to the Commission Lori Batzek, Lt. MacLaughlan, a member of the Fire Dept., Sgt. Chaille a member of the Police Department, applicants and members of the public. Absent was Commissioner McKenna
The meeting adjourned at 8:48pm***

1. Minutes of September 16, 2019 Meeting

The Commission approved these minutes

MARIJUANA RETAILER LICENSES

New Marijuana Retailer License

Statement from City Council President and Ward 7 Councilor Katjana Ballantyne serving as Acting Mayor for the Host Community Agreement Process for Marijuana Retail Entities

Adult Use Marijuana was approved in Massachusetts in a 2016 ballot question by 53.6% statewide and by 73.6% in Somerville. The duty of The Marijuana Advisory Committee is to help fulfill this mandate. The MAC conducted a careful and thorough review of 15 applications, from the first round, for Community Host Agreements. Three were selected to be recommended to the Licensing Commission (see #'s 2,3 & 4 below). The MAC will soon review the second round of applications. According to the

criteria in Section 2.221 of the City Code of Ordinances, priority applicants were identified and based on a number of factors to insure they will best serve our community. The MAC recommended Category A priority applicants only. Category B applicants are Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in Somerville. At least half the licenses issued must be issued to Priority category A applicants. President Ballantyne respectfully submits these recommendations to the Licensing Commission for review.

2. East Coast Remedies Corp., 76-82 Central St. requesting approval for a Group A Priority, NEW Marijuana Retailer License
Hours of Operation: Sun. - Sat. - 9AM - 9PM
This is the Notice of a Public Hearing for this Item. The Public is welcome to attend and be heard.
(ME19-000007)

The AD Notice did not appear in the Newspaper.

Attorney Richard DiGirolamo and Gladys Vega appeared for this application. A community meeting had not yet been scheduled due to conflicts. Attorney DiGirolamo states he feels it would be better to have the community meeting prior to the presentation to the commission. The meeting has been scheduled for October 28th at the Somerville High School Auditorium at 6:30pm. He requests the commission continue this application for the November 18, 2019

City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen submitted written comment and spoke on this application. He requests this application be postponed until the next meeting, until a community meeting is held. He has received approx 30 emails pertaining to this matter and feels there will be many questions which will be addressed at the community meeting.

City Councilor Mark Niedergang submitted written comment and spoke on this application. He would like to second City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campens request for a continuance, until the community meeting is held.

The Somerville Prevention Services and Somerville Cares About Prevention submitted written comment on this application. Matthew Mitchell, Prevention Services Manager, Lovelee Heller-Bottari, CPS, Scap Program Director and Kira Vaughan, LMHC, Substance Use Prevention Coordinator requested any proposed adult-use marijuana facility location should be mindful of the environment in which they are potentially located to effectively reduce youth access and exposure to marijuana.

The Commission continued this application to the next meeting on 11/18/19

3. Union Leaf Inc., 71-72 Union Sq. requesting approval for a Group A Priority, NEW Marijuana Retailer License
Hours of Operation: Mon. - Sat. - 10AM - 8PM & Sun. - 10AM - 5PM
This is the Notice of a Public Hearing for this Item. The Public is welcome to attend and be heard.
(ME19-000008)

The AD Notice did not appear in the Newspaper.

*Attorney Walter Sullivan, Owners Greg Santos & Binoj Pradhan, Peter Grillo, Stephen Siragusa and Richard Nagle appeared for this application. The Community meeting was held on the 9th, and advertised on the 1st and the 8th in the Somerville News. Notice was mailed to residents within 300 feet, and flyers were hand-delivered within 300 feet. Greg Santos spoke about Union Sq. changing and the changes that will be made to 71 Union Sq. The basement will be a secured facility to hold product, the 1st floor is retail space and the 2nd floor will be a community space, which will primarily be used for educational purposes and community organizations to also use this space. The 3rd floor will be used for office space for the business. Safety and Security are this businesses 1st priority. They wish to cross promote with other businesses in the area. They want to be a high quality neighbor. Their team is made up of product and safety experts. They will encourage customers not to drive to the establishment. The Greenline will be coming. Mr. Santos stated his hours would be the same as Liberty located down the street. Mon. - Sat. - 10AM - 8PM & Sun. – **12PM** - 5PM (Sun hours are different than the application). Mr. Santos stated they would adjust their hours according to their neighbor's wishes moving forward. They will have a community liaison. Binoj Pradhan spoke on behalf of his father. He told the commission of his families businesses in the city, Masala and the hotel he is planning to build in Teele Sq. including his experience. Peter Grillo, is the product expert and owner of Mr. Greenthumb in Sanford ME, an indoor grow facility. He has participated in the Medical Marijuana industry in ME since 2006. He has significant experience with cultivation and distribution of Medical Marijuana in ME. Rick Nadle is a retired detective Lieutenant with the State Police. He is the security consultant. He is more strict with security then the CCC. Very detailed cameras will be used. This is a highly regulated field. Glass breaking and motion detectors will also be used. Training is also an important part of this business. High Tech. ID scanners will be used. These scanners are also used by the Federal Reserve Bank, Massport and the Department of Justice. He stated the product will be in a vault. The dispensary will have a 1-2 day supply of product. Commissioner Allen asked what lessons have you learned from the actions the CCC has taken so far. Mr. Nadle gave some examples, Communication, Logs, Checklist. He likes to add an additional layer of security. The community space is for 21 and older, with an ID check. Commissioner Lynch asked if he is certified in any certain way? Mr. Nadle indicated his past employment. Commissioner Lynch asked Does the CCC require any kind of certification for security in this industry? Mr. Nadle replied no. He was asked about seed to sale, and where the weak point is in this process. He replied with the staff, retail salesperson. Most of the product will be sealed. Mr. Sullivan stated prior to his private practice, he worked for the ABCC.*

They will not be cultivating at this time. Product will be bought from some of the other business and micro businesses.

City Councilor Ben Ewen-Campen submitted written comment and spoke on this in support of this application. City Councilor JT Scott also submitted written comment on this application, though it is not in his ward, the establishment would abut his ward. He has no concerns moving forward with legal recreational cannabis sales in Somerville.

Jessica Esheleman of Union Square Main Streets spoke in support of this application.

The Somerville Prevention Services and Somerville Cares About Prevention submitted written comment on this application. Matthew Mitchell, Prevention Services Manager, Lovelee Heller-Bottari, CPS, Scap Program Director and Kira Vaughan, LMHC, Substance Use Prevention Coordinator requested any proposed adult-use marijuana facility location should be mindful of the environment in which they are potentially located to effectively reduce youth access and exposure to marijuana.

The commission continued this application to the November 18, 2019 Licensing Commission Meeting

4. NorthEast Select Harvest Corp., 378a, 378b & 380 Highland Ave. requesting approval for a Group A Priority, NEW Marijuana Retailer License
Hours of Operation: None Listed
This is the Notice of a Public Hearing for this Item. The Public is welcome to attend and be heard.
(ME19-000009)

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Attorney Richard DiGirolamo and Robert Gregory appeared for this application. A community meeting had not yet been scheduled due to conflicts. Attorney DiGirolamo states he feels it would be better to have the community meeting prior to the presentation to the commission. He is hopeful it will be held soon. He requests the commission continue this application for the November 18, 2019

The Somerville Prevention Services and Somerville Cares About Prevention submitted written comment on this application. Matthew Mitchell, Prevention Services Manager, Lovelee Heller-Bottari, CPS, Scap Program Director and Kira Vaughan, LMHC, Substance Use Prevention Coordinator requested any proposed adult-use marijuana facility location should be mindful of the environment in which they are potentially located to effectively reduce youth access and exposure to marijuana.

All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant Licenses

5. **2AM Closing Reviews**

<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Address</u>
12/27/05	Dark Horse Public House	499 Broadway

Desmond Grace appeared for this 2am Renewal

Chaille reported there have been several incidents at this establishment that have not led to violations. There have been noise complaints and gathering of patrons after closing. Mr. Grace states additional staff training and the installation of cameras will be implemented. Commissioner Lynch asked if there were crowds outside the establishment after hours and Mr. Grace stated there were. Commissioner Lynch suggested a police presence on Friday and Saturday nights and Mr. Grace stated he would work with Sgt. Chaille on the matter. There was a police detail the year before. Sgt. Chaille stated Mr. Grace volunteered to temporarily obtain a police detail for Friday and Saturday nights (not permanently). Commissioner Lynch suggested Mr. Grace work with Sgt. Chaille on this matter.

The Commission approved this 2am License

9/29/05	The Independent	75 Union Square
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*Jess Willis appeared for this 2am Renewal
Sgt. Chaille reported there have been no incidents at this establishment*

The Commission approved this 2am License

12/21/05	Casey's	171 Broadway
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*Notice of Hearing Letter sent had an incorrect address (mailed before the change in venue)
The Commission continued this License until the next meeting on 11/18/19.*

9/29/05	P J Ryan's	239-241 Holland Street
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*Connor Brennan appeared for this 2am Renewal
Sgt. Chaille reported there have been no incidents at this establishment*

The Commission approved this 2am License

9/29/05	Brass Union	70 Union Square
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*Jess Willis appeared for this 2am Renewal
Sgt. Chaille reported there have been no incidents at this establishment*

The Commission approved this 2am License

4/26/06 Olde Magoun Saloon 518 Medford Street

***Christina Bencivenni appeared for this 2am Renewal
Sgt. Chaille reported there have been no incidents at this establishment***

The Commission approved this 2am License

03/19/12 Foundry on Elm 255 Elm St.

***Jess Willis appeared for this 2am Renewal
Sgt. Chaille reported there was an incident of a homeless person walking in and drinking a patrons beer at this establishment. The establishment handled the situation appropriately.***

The Commission approved this 2am License

2/26/07 The Burren 247 Elm Street

Notice of Hearing Letter sent had an incorrect address (mailed before the change in venue)

The Commission continued this License until the next meeting on 11/18/19.

8/27/07 Fasika 145-147 Broadway

***Befekadu Defar appeared for this 2am Renewal
Sgt. Chaille reported there have been several incidents at this establishment. 2 fights and a patron got sliced with a broken bottle in the bar. All incidents occurred on a Saturday evening going into Sunday. The licensee states there have been issues since the casino has opened and also several club establishments opening in Everett, has patrons arriving late. The owner has been working with Sgt. Chaille to correct these issues. Sgt. Chaille states there have been no additional incidents in the past 4 months. Commissioner Lynch instructed the licensee to work closely with Sgt. Chaille and to call the police, if needed, for trouble groups arriving and causing issues***

The Commission approved this 2am License

12/14/09 Orleans Restaurant 59-65 Holland St.

***Notice of Hearing Letter sent had an incorrect address (mailed before the change in venue)
The Commission continued this License until the next meeting on 11/18/19.***

11/15/10 Trina's Starlite Lounge 3 Beacon St.

Joshua Childs appeared for this 2am Renewal

Sgt. Chaille reported an incident at this establishment. There were a couple of unwanted patrons and the Police were called. The establishment followed the correct procedure.

The Commission approved this 2am License

6/16/14

El Potro

61 Union Sq.

Joseph Carrerio appeared for this 2am Renewal

Sgt. Chaille reported there have been no incidents at this establishment

The Commission approved this 2am License

2/22/16

Earl's Kitchen & Bar

698 Assembly Row #102

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The Commission continued this License until the next meeting on 11/18/19.*

Communication sent from The City Council, by John Long to The Commission

Continued from 9/16/19 Meeting

6. Communication sent from the City Council, by City Clerk John Long pertaining to Resolution #208906, requesting The Licensing Commission investigate over serving of alcohol to inebriated customers from liquor stores along East Broadway and propose solutions to address overserving and littering

This matter was referred to Sgt. Chaille. Sgt. Chaille will make a report on this matter for the October 21, 2019 Meeting

Sgt. Chaille's report: The following is a list of possible resolutions by Sgt. Chaille and other members of the Somerville Police Dept. Enforce the existing laws and regulations pertaining to sales & service, speak to the owners and staff, routinely monitor and report the prevalence and frequency of intoxicated patrons of liquor establishments including restaurants serving alcohol and package stores, increase compliance checks, incorporate more officers to watch and enforce alcohol related issues, put more surveillance patrols in the areas, continue to work with Somerville Cares about Prevention, insure restaurants and package stores routinely clean around their businesses (including cigarettes and trash customers leave behind, will contact the health dept and have residents contact 311 with trash problem. The Police Dept. has seen an increase in the homeless population, in East Somerville. Some of the trash is from customers feeding the homeless, and trash is left in the area. The Police Dept. will make businesses and restaurants responsible for the trash in the area. A couple of complaints have been received from restaurants in the area, about some of the homeless people hanging out and drinking in front of their establishments. The Police have had some of these homeless people moved. Some have been in front of Casey's and living in back of the construction area. Patrol Units have already begun implementing these plans. Commissioner Lynch asked if this kind of report is

disseminated to other departments or agencies or non-profit agencies working with the homeless population in the city. Sgt. Chaille replied that he works with Matt Mitchell and will try to better communicate with him.

Commissioner Lynch will forward a copy of this report to Councilor MacLaughlan, who made the original request through the City Clerk's Office. He recommended that Sgt. Chaille and the Commission, keep tabs on what is happening on East Broadway, per the City Council's request on this matter.

Communications

Continued from 9/16/19 Meeting

7. Commissioner Allen proposes a discussion and the adoption of the rough draft of the Standing Rules submitted by City Clerk John Long at the Somerville Licensing Commission Meeting on 4/8/19. This will be used as a starting point. Additions and finalized language will be discussed

The Commission discussed this matter and felt Commissioner McKenna should weigh in on this discussion.

The commission continued this communication to the November 18, 2019 Licensing Commission Meeting

Continued from 9/16/19 Meeting

8. Commissioner Allen to propose Marijuana Policies and Procedures including a discussion of the proposed rules. A vote will be taken on this proposal to implement the adoption of these Policies and Procedures

The Commission discussed this matter and felt Commissioner McKenna should weigh in on this discussion.

The commission continued this communication to the November 18, 2019 Licensing Commission Meeting

Continued from 9/16/19 Meeting

9. Chairman Lynch to propose Late Fees for Special Alcohol Applications and Late License Renewals

This matter was Continued for the October and/or November Meetings, to be instituted 1/1/2020

The Commission approved the late fees submitted by City Clerk, John Long. See the communication below.

- 9a. Communication sent from the City Clerk John Long pertaining to a proposal for the addition of Late Fees for the Somerville Licensing Commission.

City Clerk, John Long presented a list of Late Fees. He stated this increase is requested due to administrative costs associated with accepting late applications. When items are received late there is additional time and effort necessary to process these applications. The fee will be 10% of the annual cost of the license or a minimum of \$50. Entertainment, opening early on a Sunday, outdoor seating and Serving Cordials are not included in the \$50 fee minimum (see list for fees), as these are add on items to a restaurant. City Clerk John Long stated the due dates are listed on the City's Website. Lt. MacLaughlan stated there are approximately 11 establishments that open after 5pm. He is currently in the process of setting up day appointments with these establishments to get the 304 renewal inspections completed, so they will not be subject to the late renewal fees. Commissioner Lynch instructed the Secretary to send a list of fees to Lt. MacLaughlan.

Nick Medivick of Brooklyn Boulders spoke on this matter. He finds Citizen Serve to be very difficult to manage, it often crashes midway through submitting license applications, is not very intuitive to navigate

10. The Catered Affair, Inc. notifying the Commission of an Event, to be held at Partners Health Care, 399 Revolution Dr., on Thursday, October 3, 2019 from 2:00PM-5:00PM (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair). Notice received on 9/30/19

The Commission took notice of this item.

11. The Commission has requested a status request of the Licenses for Legendary Burger Concepts, LLC d/b/a Burger Dive located at 702 Grand Union Blvd. It has come to the attention of the commission that this business is closed. No notice has been forthcoming pertaining to this closure. Permission is required for closure.

Licensee informed the commission he cannot appear at this time due to a medical condition. He has notified the commission in writing of the closure of this business and is returning the Alcohol License, email received 8/13/19. Must return original Alcohol License.

The Commission continued this item until the November 18, 2019 meeting if the license is not returned.

12. The Commission has requested a status request of the Licenses for Somerville Brewing Company, Inc. d/b/a American Fresh Brewhouse located at 490 Foley St. It has come to the attention of the commission that a Change has been made in the Business Arrangement of the Licensee.

Jeff Leiter and Caitlin Jewell appeared for this status request. The licensee filed for bankruptcy protection on September 27th. They are continuing operations as normal. No changes have been made to the licenses. All Staff remain and have been paid. Mr. Leiter and Ms. Jewell stated Tim Florentino should not be the manager of record, and that paperwork to change this had been submitted. The secretary will check on this matter and get back to the licensee. There are 2 licenses under the bankruptcy, 490 Foley St. and 15 Ward St.

The Commission took notice of this status request, with the condition of manager change to be researched by secretary, and notice to licensee of outcome of this matter.

13. The Commission has requested a status request of the Licenses for Broadway BBQ LLC d/b/a East End Grille located 118 Broadway. The commission has not received any information pertaining to your intent, for the licenses held, for this closed business.

Michael Bandar and Guana Bandar appeared for this status request. The business is closed and they are currently developing the property. The licensee would like to continue operation of the business when the property is developed. Mr. Bandar stated he would prefer to sell the license. The commission requests a signed Zero Hour Affidavit be submitted.

The Commission took notice of this status request, with the condition of a signed Zero Hour Affidavit be submitted

14. The Commission has requested a status request of the Licenses for Haris Jusufbegovic and Azem Deriservic d/b/a Sabur located at 212 Holland St. The commission requires an update pertaining to your intent, for the licenses held, for this closed business. Permission is required for closure.

Azem Deriservic appeared for this status request. Mr. Deriservic stated the ownership had changed hands and he was informed by the owner of the building that the business closed in October. They are now looking to sell the license. Commissioner Allen asked when the ownership changed to the 3rd party. Mr. Deriservic stated it never happened, that it has stayed in the previous owners names, because it has not been paid in full. Commissioner Allen asked if the new people were running the business. Mr. Deriservic stated the transfer would have been completed when the business was paid in full, but they ran into financial difficulties. Commissioner Allen requested documentation pertaining to the ownership of this license, he also stated the ABCC and the Somerville Licensing Commission requires notification of any change in ownership. Mr. Deriservic will check with his other owner on this matter. He also states the license has lost value (this is a private license). Commissioner Lynch requests a signed Zero Hour Affidavit be submitted.

The Commission took notice of this status request, with the condition of a signed Zero Hour Affidavit be submitted

15. The Commission has requested a status request of the Licenses for Off Larsen Lane, LLC d/b/a The Kirkland Tap & Trotter located at 425 Washington St. The commission requires an update pertaining to your intent, for the licenses held, for this closed business. Permission is required for closure.

Tony Maws appeared for this status request. Mr. Maws stated this business closed in July. He is currently negotiating a sale. He may also rebrand. He does not have a time frame, but is hoping to wrap up this sale in the next couple of weeks (This is a private license). Commissioner Lynch requests a signed Zero Hour Affidavit be submitted.

The Commission took notice of this status request, with the condition of a signed Zero Hour Affidavit be submitted

16. The Commission has requested a status request of the Licenses for Poke For Me, LLC d/b/a Pokeworks located at 261 Elm St. The commission requires an update pertaining to your intent, for the licenses granted, for this business. The alcohol license was approved by the ABCC on 12/13/18, however the requirements for issuing this license have not been completed as yet.

Ryan Perkins appeared for this status request. Mr. Perkins stated that corporate has handed this matter to him and has been working with Lt. MacLaughlan and the secretary to the commission. He stated he has completed the 304 inspection and the Underage Drinking. He will supply the Liquor Liability to the secretary this week. Lt. MacLaughlan has stated he had been to the establishment last week without ISD, but he will be in the area tomorrow, and the 304 Inspection should not be a problem.

The Commission took notice of this status request, and suggested he get the license as soon as possible.

17. The Commission has requested a status request of the Licenses for Pepe Bocca Italian Specialty Market Inc. d/b/a Pepe Bocca located at 414 Highland Ave. The commission requires an update pertaining to your intent, for the licenses granted, for this business. An alteration of premises to increase your seating to 40 was approved by the ABCC on 8/20/19, and the reinstatement of hours was approved by the ABCC on 7/22/19. A new floor plan was submitted on 10/1/19 for 49 seats. The Licensing Commission, ISD, the Health Department and the ABCC require approval of this increase in seating.

Attorney Rashi Manglick and Giovanni Maioni appeared for this status request. The secretary will check with the ABCC to see if a new floor plan needs to be submitted for

the additional 9 seats. Lt. MacLaughlan states that as of approximately 3 weeks ago, after communicating with the secretary, ISD and the Health Dept., a lot of the necessary requirements have not been completed. The Address change was done with engineering, the floor plan was submitted to ISD, but he is not sure of the occupancy, and there were 9 issues to be completed for the Health Department, of which only 1 was done. Commissioner Lynch asked Lt. MacLaughlan if the Fire Dept. would get in to inspect anytime soon. He stated not as of yet. Attorney Manglick will check with the Health Dept. tomorrow to see what is needed. Lt. MacLaughlan stated he would do the inspection tomorrow. If approved, Mr. Maione would be all set with the Fire Dept., ISD and the 304 Inspection. He would need to take care of the outstanding issues from the Health Dept. as well.

The commission took notice of this status request and approval of 49 seats, with the condition of the Fire Dept, ISD, Health Dept. signoffs and 304 Inspection and a determination from the ABCC if they need to approve the 49 seat floor plan

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM

Change of Manager

18. Union Square Group, Inc. d/b/a Brass Union, 70 Union Sq. requesting approval for a Change of Manager from Kenneth Kelly to Jessica Willis (ALM19-000016)

Approved 8/19/19

Transfer of Stock, New Stockholder, Pledge of License, Pledge of Inventory, Pledge of Stock and Change of Officers/Directors/LLC Manger

Union Square Group, Inc. d/b/a Brass Union, 70 Union Sq. requesting approval for a Transfer of Stock from Kim C. Roop, Trustee for Kenneth Kelly Trust to Jessica Willis, a New Stockholder, Jessica Willis, a Pledge of License, Stock and Inventory to Kim C. Roop, Trustee for Kenneth Kelly Trust, a Change of Officers from Kim Roop as President, Treasurer, Secretary, CEO & Director to Jessica Willis (ALM19-000016)

Jess Willis appeared for this application.

The Commission approved this Administrative Item/Change of Manager

Existing Common Victualler

Reopening (closed January 2019 without notification),

Change of Hours & Change of Manager

19. Bozfam LLC
d/b/a Manoa Poke Shop
300 Beacon St.
Josiah Bonsey & Sam Bonsey
Current Hours on License are listed as: Mon.–Sun. 11:30am–9:30pm (AL17-000333)
Amendment application states current hours as – Fri. 5pm-9pm & Sat.-Mon. 11am-9pm
Proposed Hours – Tues.– Sun. 11:30am-9pm (ALM19-000025)
Change of Manger– current license lists Armodo Leopardi as Manager (AL17-000333)
Amendment indicates current Manager is James Acer
Change of Manager should be from Armodo Leopardi to Jacob Afoa
(ALM19-000025)

No appearance was made for this application.

The Commission continued this application for the next meeting on 11/18/19

Existing Common Victualler

Alteration of Premises

20. Ball Square Café & Breakfast Inc.
d/b/a Ball Sqaure Café & Breakfast
708 Broadway
Mike Moccia
Requesting an Alteration of Premises from 36 seats to 54 seats (expanding into Victors's
Deli at 710 Broadway
(ALM-000020)

Mike Moccia appeared for this application. Mr. Moccia will be expanding into Victor's. He has hired an engineer and architect. Mr. Moccia suggested a place on the city website with a list of all things necessary to complete this process. Chairman Lynch suggested he contact Thomas Galligani in Economic Development.

The Commission recommended the applicant to contact Planning and Zoning to ensure his floor plan is in compliance.

The Commission approved this Alteration of Premises

Special Alcohol License

21. Jason McCool, 10 Homer Sq. requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for Late Night Gathering for American Musicological Society Conference to be held Indoors at Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Ct. on Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 9:00pm – 1:00am (PEL19-000231)

Jason McCool appeared for this application. Mr. McCool is a musicologist, professor and also works with Aeronaut. The AMS holds events all over, last year's event was in Vancouver. This year's event is in Boston. This is a gathering of academics, most don't know Somerville. He is Tips Certified. Approx. 40-100 people.

The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License.

22. Latitude Beverage Company, 20 Guest St. #105, Brighton, MA requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for a 9th Annual Dia de los Muertos Block Party, to be held Outdoors at Taza Chocolate, 561 Windsor St. on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 12:00pm – 5:00pm with a Rain Date of 10/27/19 (PEL19-000151)

No one appeared for this application. This license was not approved.

The secretary was informed by the applicant that this application was heard and approved by the commission on 8/19/19. This is a duplicate agenda item.

23. Brooklyn Boulders, 12A Tyler St. Broadway requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for Harvard Graduate School of Design Halloween Party to be held Indoors at Brooklyn Boulders, 12A Tyler St. on Friday, October 25, 2019 from 9:00pm – 1:00am (PEL19-000234)

Nick Medevick appeared for this application. They have run this for 3 years. The students run this event. This is a catered event. There will be no climbing. This does not include the outdoor space.

The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License.

24. Merlin Entertainments, 598 Assembly Row, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing and/or selling alcoholic beverages for Adult Night at Legoland Discovery Center Boston, to be held Indoors at Legoland Discovery Center Boston on the following Wednesdays: October 23, 2019, November 20, 2019 and December 18, 2019 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm
(PEL19-000237)

Brendan O’Toole appeared for this application. Mr. O’Toole stated they have been running this event for over 5 years. Usually approx. 50-150 people. Will be using Bone Up Brewing in Everett. They are Tips Certified and do pop up events.

The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License.

Existing Alcohol License
Private License
All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License

Requesting
Change of Officers/Directors & Registered Agent

25. Keltar Corp. d/b/a Sligo Pub, 237A Elm St. requesting approval for a Change Officers/Directors from Thomas W. Mannion as Secretary & Treasurer to Kelly Ann Melin as Treasurer and Director, Tara Champagene as Secretary and Director and Thomas W. Mannion as Registered Agent
(ALM19-000019)

Attorney Anne Vigoritto and Thomas Mannion appeared for this application

Mr. Mannion has been in business for 30 years and his daughters are taking on additional responsibilities.

The Commission approved this change of Officers/Directors and Registered Agent

Existing Alcohol License
Private License
All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License

Requesting
Change of Manager

26. Ambisco Inc. d/b/a Redbones, 55 Chester St. requesting approval for a Change Manager from Nick Gregory to Darcey Gregory (ALM19-000022)

Darcey Gregory and Robert Gregory appeared for this Change of Manager application. Robert Gregory's brother Nick has moved to California where his wife is from. Darcey is Robert Gregory's wife and will be taking over as manager. Darcey has been involved in Redbones for about 20 years, has worked closely with Nick and comes from a family of restaurateurs.

The Commission approved this Change of Manager

Existing Alcohol License

City License

All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License

Requesting

Entertainment by Patrons and Performers

Change of Hours

& 2AM Closing License

ENHANCEMENT Area

Chapter 142, Acts of 2016

27. Petiscos Group Inc. d/b/a La Posada Restaurant, 505 Medford St. requesting approval for an Entertainment by Patrons and Performers, 2AM Closing License and a Change of Hours from:
Serving Food – *From: Sun.-Sat. 11:00am-1:00am to: Sun.-Sat. 10:00am-2:00am*
Serving Alcohol – *From: Sun.-Sat 11:00am-1:00am to: Sun-Thu 10:00am-1:00am and Fri-Sat 10:00am-2:00am*
(ALM19-000023)

This is the Notice of a Public Hearing for this Item. The Public is welcome to attend and be heard.

This item to be continued to the November 18, 2019 Licensing Commission Meeting. AD did not appear in newspaper.

The AD Notice did not appear in the Newspaper.

The Commission continued this application for the next meeting on 11/18/19

Existing Alcohol License
City License
All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License

Requesting
Change of LLC Manager

Assembly Row
Area
Chapter 142, Acts of 2016

28. Legal Sea Foods, LLC d/b/a Legal on the Mystic, 301 Great River Rd. #122 requesting approval for a Change of LLC Manager from Edward H. Pendergast to Eric Kriss (ALM19-000026)

This item to be continued to the November 18, 2019 Licensing Commission Meeting per Attorney Heller's request.

The Commission continued this application for the next meeting on 11/18/19

Existing Alcohol License
Private License
All Forms Package Store License

Requesting
Change of Manager

29. The Wine and Cheese Cask Inc. d/b/a The Wine and Cheese Cask, 407 Washington St. requesting approval for a Change of Manager from Daniel Comerford to Stephen Mosher (ALM19-000021)

Meryl Golden Rim, president of the company appeared for this application.

The Commission approved this Change of Manager

LATE ITEM

30. Friends of Somerville Community Growing Center, c/o Brandon Wilson, 34 Josephine Ave. requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for the purpose of dispensing

and/or selling alcoholic beverages for the 25 Anniversary of Somerville Community Growing Center and the Somerville Garden Club to be held Indoors at The Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood Rd. on Sunday, November 10, 2019 from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (PEL19-000239)

Brandon Wilson appeared for this application. Commissioner Lynch asked if there would be a Tip Certified Bartender and purchase of alcohol from an approved distributor. Ms. Wilson stated yes.

The Commission approved this Special Alcohol License.

COMMUNCAATION FROM CHAIRMAN LYNCH

Commissioner Lynch made an announcement at the Licensing Commission Meeting: On October 7, 2019 a notice was sent to publish a notice of public hearing for items # 2,3,4 & 27, to the Somerville Times, to be published on October 9, 2019. On October 16th, the City Clerk's office was informed due to an administrative error by the Somerville Times, the publication did not occur. The Commission intends to go forward on the applications this evening. We will take public comment and testimony, but will not deliberate or vote on the applications. The records will be kept open until the next meeting on November 18, 2019. The public hearing will reconvene, at which time the commission is expected to deliberate and to vote. We will continue to accept written comments on the four items, #'s 2,3,4 and 27.