

**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

Regular Meeting by Remote Participation

**Monday
Regular Licensing Commission Meeting
November 21, 2022
6:00pm**

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MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lynch at 6:03pm

Attendance:

Chair Joseph Lynch – present

Commissioner Christopher Allen – present

Commissioner Jacques Thomas, Jr. – present

Others present: Bernabe Rodriguez – Assistant City Clerk; Lori Jean Batzek – Secretary to the Commission; Timothy Mitsakis – Police Lieutenant; Dennis Sullivan – Fire Captain, Brian Postlewaite - Director of Engineering

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Minutes of the Regular Licensing Commission Meeting of 10/17/22

The Commission approved the minutes by a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Lynch, Allen, Thomas) and 0 opposed.

2023 License Renewals

2. 2023 License Renewals
Requesting Approval for all 2023 License renewal

The Commission approved the 2023 License Renewals by a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Lynch, Allen, Thomas) and 0 opposed.

3. Communication from Chair Lynch: That the SLC discuss an amendment to the Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations to comply with the ABCC Advisory:

Somerville Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations:

1.08. Alcoholic Beverages Sales and Laws

(i). Whoever makes a sale or delivery of any alcoholic beverages or alcohol to any person under twenty-one years of age, either for his own use or for the use of his parent or any other person, or whoever, being a patron of an establishment licensed under section 12 or 15 of General Laws Chapter 138 delivers or procures to be delivered in any public room or area of such establishment any such beverages or alcohol to or for use of a person who he knows or has reason to believe to be under twenty-one years of age or whoever procures any such beverages or alcohol for a person under twenty-one years of age in any establishment licensed under section 12, or procures any such beverage or alcohol for a person under twenty-one years of age who is not his child, ward or spouse in any establishment that is a package store, shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Licensing Commission.

ABCC Advisory issued 9/4/22:

On July 30, 2012, the Governor approved Chapter 170 of the Acts of 2012 that amended M.G.L. c.138, §34B1. As a result, beginning October 29, 2012, alcoholic beverages licensees may reasonably rely on the following forms of identification for proof of age:

1. A Massachusetts Driver's License;
2. A Massachusetts Liquor Identification Card;
3. A Massachusetts Identification Card;
4. A Passport Issued by the United States or a government that is officially recognized by the United States;
5. A Passport Card for a Passport issued by the United States; and
6. A Military Identification Card.

Commissioner Allen moved to amend Section 1.08.k. of the Rules and Regulations by inserting "or passport card" after "or a valid passport".

The motion was approved on a roll call vote with 3 in favor (Lynch, Allen and Thomas) and 0 opposed.

4. City Clerk conveying an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, section 2-221, extending the period for priority applications for marijuana retailer licenses.

Chair Lynch stated that in order to give priority applicants more time, because of the COVID pandemic, the City Council has taken the Licensing Commission's recommendation to extend this for one more year.

The Commission made a note of this item and placed it on file.

5. Communication from the City Clerk conveying proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations of the Licensing Commission based upon the administration's Outdoor Seating Proposal: 1.18 Extension of Premises to Patio and Outdoor Area's:

h. The permit for service of alcoholic beverages at outdoor seating will be seasonal, from April 1st through no later than November 30th. All tables, chairs and accessories used in the outdoor seating area must be removed during all other time periods. The dates of use for each establishment may be reviewed and reduced by the Licensing Commission for any reason.

i. Any violation of these rules and regulations may result in fines, suspension and revocation of the license, and other punitive actions as determined by the Licensing Commission.

j. Licenses are not transferable.

k. For Public Street Seating only:

(1) Licensee shall provide & maintain trash receptacle and/or provide bussing service during all hours of operation.

(2) Licensee shall post a conspicuous sign requiring patrons to not rearrange seating or relocate seating into the sidewalk or other *accessible* walks, routes, ramps or aisles.

(3) Licensee's operation in the licensed area may not begin earlier than 6:00 AM and may not extend beyond Midnight (12:00AM), inclusive of time to setup, breakdown and clean the area. Operation must not exceed the hours of the master license.

(4) Licensed areas in the public street shall only be authorized from April 1 to November 30. All seats, tables, barriers, signs, stands, etc. shall be removed from the public street by December 1.

(5) Parklet Seating shall include reflective tape or reflective markers to the traffic facing sides of the Parklet structure or railings.

(6) Parklet Seating platforms and other temporary structures shall include removable sections to access all utility manholes and access structures. Licensee shall remove sections when requested by City. At least 24 hours verbal notice will be provided. Emergencies may require shorter or immediate notification.

(7) Parklet Seating platforms and other temporary structures shall maintain a clear drainage path beneath the structure. Licensee shall clean beneath the structures on a monthly basis to clear debris and blockages from the drainage path.

l. For Dog Areas only:

(1) Licensees shall prohibit animals, except service animals, from all outdoor seating areas unless their license explicitly allows dogs in such areas.

(2) Licensees with a license that allows dogs shall ensure that every dog in the outdoor seating area is licensed and leashed, shall prohibit employees from touching or handling dogs, and shall provide bowls of water for the sole use of dogs.

(3) Licensees with a license that allows dogs shall post a conspicuous sign to designate the outdoor dog area, and to prohibit dogs from sitting or standing on any furniture and from eating anything, including scraps, from plates, drinkware, or utensils. Dogs may not be seated on the laps of patrons at any time.

Brian Postlewaite, Director of Engineering spoke on this matter. He stated he sees only one major difference with what was discussed last winter for Temporary Outdoor Seating. New Section h states that the permit for service of alcoholic beverages at outdoor seating will be seasonal and this is outside the section for public street seating only. Mr. Postlewaite states his understanding of this is even outdoor seating on private property would be restricted to April 1st to November 30th and would not be permitted to do winter operations. He asked if this is the intention of the Commission. Chair Lynch stated the intention of this change to the rules and regulations for the opening date and closing date is for public property only. On private property the outdoor seating is allowed year-round with the appropriate department sign offs. Commissioners Allen and Thomas expressed concerns for safety issues on the public way, such as snow removal. Chair Lynch stated the Licensing Commission no longer needs authorization to order removal of outdoor furniture off the street in the event of an emergency and would leave this matter to Fire, Police, Emergency Services, DPW and Inspectional Services. Director Postlewaite believes the dates are covered under section k. (4) #4 and there is no need for section h. Commissioner Allen proposed new language for this item. He will send that language to the City Clerk's Office for review with Director Postlewaite.

The Commission continued this item until the January 23, 2022

6. 2023 Proposed Somerville Licensing Commission Meeting Schedule
Requesting Commission Approval for the Proposed 2023 Licensing Commission Meeting Schedule
Commissioner Allen stated he will be unable to attend the January 23, 2023 Meeting.

The Commission approved the 2023 Licensing Commission Meeting Schedule by a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Lynch, Allen, Thomas) and 0 opposed.

7. Licensing Commission requesting that the following licensee report on the use of their Wine and Malt Package Store License.

License #	Business Name/DBA	Address	Type	Category
AL20-000017	Top Shelf at Assembly	365 CANAL ST	Wine & Malt - PACKAGE STORE	Private

Continued to May 15, 2023

Chair Lynch has continued this item via email, until the May 15, 2023, with a written status report required by March 20, 2023.

8. Licensing Commission Requesting a 6-month status report on the use of their All-Forms Alcohol License:

License #	Business Name/DBA	Address	Type	Category
AL17-000069	Bergamot restaurantsgarcia	118 BEACON ST	All Forms	Private

In an email from the licensee on November 14, 2022, the license was relinquished back to the City.

The Commission made a note of this Relinquished License and placed this item on file by a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Lynch, Allen, Thomas) and 0 opposed.

9. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Thursday, October 20, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

10. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Friday, October 21, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

11. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

12. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Sunday, October 23, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

13. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Monday, October 24, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

14. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

15. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

16. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Thursday, October 27, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

17. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Friday, October 28, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

18. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Saturday, October 29, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

19. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Sunday, October 30, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

20. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Monday, October 31, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

21. Forklift Catering, LLC, Needham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 98 Guests on Sunday, October 30, 2022 (Event being held from 4:30pm-10:00pm) for Liquor Service from 5:15pm – 9:30pm & approximately 120 Guests on Saturday, November 5, 2022, (Event being held from 4:30pm-10:00pm) for Liquor Service from 5:00pm – 9:30pm to be held at Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Court, (Alcoholic Beverages served from Forklift Catering, LLC)

This item was placed on file.

22. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 2022 from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

23. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

24. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Thursday, November 3, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

25. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Friday, November 4, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

26. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

27. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Sunday, November 6, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

28. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Monday, November 7, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

29. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 2022 from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

30. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

31. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Thursday, November 10, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

32. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Friday, November 11, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

33. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Saturday, November 12, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

34. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for approximately 35 Guests, to be held at The Cambria Hotel, 515 Somerville Ave., on Sunday, November 13, 2022, from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Alcoholic Beverages served from The Catered Affair)

This item was placed on file.

Existing Common Victualler License

Change of Hours for Permanent Indoor Seating

Change of Hours for Temporary Outdoor Sidewalk Seating from 11/22/22-11/30/22

ONLY

35. Creations Coffee Somerville, LLC
d/b/a True Grounds Café
717 Broadway
Current Hours of Operation Permanent Indoors Monday – Sunday: 8:00am- 2:00pm
No Hours of Operation listed for Temporary Outdoor Sidewalk Seating

New Hours of Operation: Indoors – Monday-Sunday: 7:00am-9:00pm – *Correction to opening hour*

New Hours of Operation: Temporary Outdoor Sidewalk Seating from 11/22/22 – 11/30/22 ONLY Monday-Sunday: 8:00am-9:00pm
(ALM22-000118)

Tanner Spees appeared on behalf of this application. Mr. Spees is requesting a change in hours indoors.

The Commission approved this Change in Hours for Indoor Seating and the Temporary Outdoor Seating - Public by a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Lynch, Allen, Thomas) and 0 opposed.

Existing Common Victualler License
Change of Corporation Name

36. Selhi & Sons Associates 2, LLC

d/b/a McDonalds's

14 McGrath Hwy

Requesting a Change in Corporation Name from Selhi & Sons Associates 2, LLC to Selhi Group 2, LLC

(ALM22-000119)

Anurak Selhi Appeared on behalf of this application. The Commission had no questions on this change.

The Commission approved this Change of Corporation Name by a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Lynch, Allen, Thomas) and 0 opposed.

Existing Inn (without Alcohol) License
Change of Corporation Name

37. Bowers Management LLC

d/b/a Bowers House

9 Bowers Ave.

Christina Yanhui Li

Steven Kwong

Requesting a Change in Corporation Name from Bowers Management, LLC to Yanhui Li
(ALM22-000120)

Yanhui Li appeared on behalf of this application. The Commission had no questions on this change.

The Commission approved this Change of Corporation Name by a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Lynch, Allen, Thomas) and 0 opposed.

NEW Common Victualler License

Common Victualler and PERMANENT Outdoor Seating both Private and Public

38. Valees Inc.

d/b/a Taqueria Montecristo

144 Broadway

Rosa Duarte De Martinez

Hours of Operation Indoors and Outdoors: Monday-Sunday: 8:00am-10:00pm

Seats Indoors: Not listed

Seats Outdoors Private: 26

Seats Outdoors Sidewalk & Parklet: 22

(AL22-000037)

Jose Martinez appeared on behalf of this application. The outdoor seating will be used in the summer of 2023. Mr. Martinez stated there are 22 seats indoors. Commissioner Thomas asked what type of tables will be used and if they will be ADA accessible. Mr. Martinez confirmed they were ADA compliant. Director Postlewaite stated he had no substantive concerns, and this floor plan mirrors the Temporary Seating application approved for 2022. There is one approval condition he wanted to remind the Commission and the applicant that will be required. Director Postlewaite stated the original plans did not have a traffic control barrier and one will be required for permanent outdoor seating.

The Commission approved this Common Victualler and Permanent Outdoor Seating both Private and Public by a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Lynch, Allen, Thomas) and 0 opposed.

NEW Common Victualler License

**Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices Indoors and
Permanent Outdoor Seating on Public Property - Parklet**

39. Picante Somerville LLC

d/b/a Picante Taqueria

253 Washington St.

Jessica Morales

Edgardo Morales

Hours of Operation Indoors and Outdoors: Monday-Sunday: 10:00am-10:00pm

Seats Indoors: 36

Seats Outdoors Parklet: 16

(AL22-000038)

Frankie Tejada, Agent for this business, Console Sag Margulus, Jessica Morales and Benjamin Morales appeared on behalf of this application. Mr. Tajada stated they are taking over the Casa B space. The owners have been established for 30 years at Taco Loco and several other businesses. The estimated opening date is six months. Director Postlewaite stated these plans are the same patio seating plan Casa B previously proposed for 2022. He has no issues and it does not directly obstruct or interfere with the farmers' market. Director Postlewaite reminded the Commission and the applicant that Union Square continues to go through design plan review processes for the Union Square Plaza and as this progresses, any change to the plaza may require a revision to this application.

The Commission approved this Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices Indoors and Permanent Outdoor Seating on Public Property - Parklet Seating by a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Lynch, Allen, Thomas) and 0 opposed.

Existing
Wine and Malt 7 Day Restaurant License
City Quota License
Change of License Category from Wine and Malt City Quota License to
All Forms Alcohol City Quota License

40. Navjot Kaur Corp. d/b/a Masala Square, 23 Union Square requesting approval of a Change of License Category from a Wine and Malt 7 Day Restaurant, City Quota License to an All Forms 7 Day Restaurant City Quota License.
(ALM22-000116)

Hillary Kaur appeared on behalf of this application. Ms. Kaur stated the corporation has existed for 25 years, previously under the d/b/a India Palace, with a change in d/b/a 4 years ago to Masala Square and they would like to obtain an All Forms Alcohol License. Chair Lynch asked if any previous violations, Ms. Kaur stated no. All staff is TIPS Certified. No other changes are being made. Chair Lynch asked about the hours for food and alcohol service on the application. He asked if they would be serving alcohol without food service. Ms. Kaur stated both food and alcohol service will be 12:00pm-10:00pm.

The Commission approved this Change of License Category from Wine and Malt to All Forms Alcohol by a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Lynch, Allen, Thomas) and 0 opposed.

TRANSFER
Existing
All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License
Private License

Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices and Performers Indoors, Sunday Hours, Outdoor Private Seating License and a Pledge of License

41. Binaas Concepts Inc. d/b/a Rosebud, 381 Summer St. requesting a Transfer of an All Forms 7 Day Alcohol Private License from Rosebud Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Rosebud at 381 Summer to Binaas Concepts Inc. d/b/a Rosebud at 381 Summer St., a Common Victualler, an Entertainment by Devices a Performers Indoors, a Sunday Hours, an Outdoor Private Seating License and a Pledge of License.

Hours of Operation Indoors and Outdoors for Food Service:

Mon-Thu: 5:00pm-11:00pm, Fri: 5:00pm-12:00pm, Sat: 10:00am-12:00am, Sun: 10:00am-11:00pm

Hours of Operation Indoors and Outdoors for Alcohol Service:

Mon-Thu: 5:00pm-1:00am, Fri: 4:00pm-1:00am, Sat-Sun: 10:00am-1:00am

Seats Indoors: Not listed

(AL22-000034)

Attorney Thomas Truax, Babu Koganti and Gopi Chigurupati appeared on behalf of this application. This is a purchase of all the assets of the premises. Mr. Koganit and Mr. Chekuri have extensive restaurant experience in Boston, throughout the United States, Canada and India. There are several other restaurants in Massachusetts with full liquor licenses. Mr. Chekuri owns several microbreweries in India. Mr. Chigurupati has approximately seven years of restaurant management experience. He will be coming to MA to serve as manger. Chair Lynch asked why a menu was not submitted. Mr. Truax replied that there will be a few changes to the existing menu and thought that need to be submitted after the transfer. Chair Lynch asked to have the current menu sent to the Secretary with a note that it is subject to change. Chair Lynch also asked if any disciplinary action has been taken against the applicants by local licensing authorities or the ABCC in MA. Attorney Truax stated there had been no disciplinary action has been taken. Chair Lynch asked how many seats are indoors. Mr. Truax stated there are 130 Indoor Seats and the Outdoor Patio seating is 44.

The Commission approved this Transfer of an All Forms Alcohol, Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices and Performers Indoors, Sunday Hours, Outdoor Private Seating and a Pledge of License by a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Lynch, Allen, Thomas) and 0 opposed.

NEW
All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License
City Quota License
A Common Vicatualler and Sunday Hours

42. Haisol LLC d/ba Buk Kyung, 9A Union Sq. requesting approval of a New All Forms 7 Day Restaurant City Quota, a Common Victualler and a Sunday Hours License.
Hours of Operation Indoors for Food and Alcohol Service: Mon-Sun: 10:00am-10:00pm
Seats Indoors: 40 – *Correction to Indoor seating*
Seats Outdoors Private: 0 - *Correction to Outdoor Seating, there is no Outdoor Seating*
(AL22-000036)

Sool Yeong Kim appeared on behalf of this application. Mr. Kim stated there will be 40 seats indoors and no outdoor seating. Commissioner Allen asked if the previous owners of this establishment had a liquor license. Mr. Kim stated they did, and all staff are TIPS Certified. Secretary Lori Batzek informed Chair Lynch the previous licensee has not returned their license but sent an email stating he wanted to be removed from everything regarding this establishment. Chair Lynch asked if Mr. Kim is currently serving alcohol and reminded Mr. Kim, that he is not currently authorized to serve alcohol, and if he is to stop doing so immediately. The previous license must be turned in prior to Mr. Kim receiving an Alcohol License. Mr. Kim stated the previous owner said he could take over the liquor license when he purchased this establishment. Chair Lynch advised Mr. Kim this is incorrect, these City Held licenses are not transferable and are not for sale on the open market. This license will come back to the City to be reissued. Mr. Kim stated he understands. Chair Lynch instructed the Secretary to contact the existing licensee to return their Alcohol license to the City as soon as possible. Chair Lynch instructed the Secretary to email the applicant as to what is expected on this matter.

The Commission approved this City Held All Forms Alcohol (pending the return of the previous alcohol license and ABCC approval), Common Victualler and Sunday Hours License by a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Lynch, Allen, Thomas) and 0 opposed.

LATE ITEM
Approved at Licensing Commission Meeting on 10/17/22
Administrative Item only to comply with Abutters Notice Requirement

NEW
FARMERS POURING LICENSE,
Transformative Area
Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices, Performers & Patrons – Indoors & Outdoors, Outdoor Private Patio and a Sunday Hours License

43. Portico South Street LLC d/b/a Portico Somerville, 101 South St. requesting approval for a Farmers Pouring License, a Common Victualler License, an Entertainment by Devices, Performers & Patrons License (all) Indoors & Outdoors, an Outdoor Private Patio and a Sunday Hours License

Hours of Operation for Food Service Indoors & Outdoors on Private Patio:

Mon-Sun: 7:00am-12:00am

Hours of Operation for Alcohol Service Indoors & Outdoors on Private Patio: Mon-Sun:
10:00am-12:00am

Seating Indoors: 92 Seats

Seating Outdoors: 36 Seats

(AL22-000028)

Alex Rabi appeared for this application.

The Commission approved this Administrative Item to comply with the Abutters Notice Requirement by a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Lynch, Allen, Thomas) and 0 opposed.

Licensing Commission Announcements

Chair Lynch shared an announcement that a notice was sent to licensees in the renewal packages that all Public Seating furniture must be removed by November 30, 2022.

Chair Lynch also requested that the City Clerk's Office and Police Department, send an advisory to licensees as a notice to beware of spiked drinks, over the holiday season similar to the notice the Cambridge and Boston Licensing Commissions and Police Departments issued. Chair Lynch advised Somerville's licensees to please be aware they have a responsibility and a duty to protect their patrons.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm, by a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Lynch, Allen and Thomas) and 0 opposed.