

**MINUTES  
LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 22, 2014**

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE Revere License Commission was called to order by Chairman Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr., at 3:00 p.m. on January 22, 2014. Vice Chairperson Linda Guinasso, Commissioner John M. LaCroix, Police Lt. Sean Randall, Liaison with the Revere License Commission, and Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary present.**

Vote to accept Minutes: Vote to accept the Minutes of 11-20-13.

Upon a Motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, the minutes were unanimously approved.

**VOTED ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**SHOW CAUSE HEARING:**

Show Cause Hearing for Enterprise Liquor Store, Inc. d/b/a **Woody's Liquors**, 266 Broadway, John Wood, President & Manager, regarding multiple violations of the conditions of its common victualler license. **Continued from the meeting of December 19, 2013.**

Mr. Wood appeared for the hearing. He submitted sales figures showing how much pizza was sold with the door between his establishments open versus with the door closed. He referenced other businesses in the city, which obtained licenses more recently than Woody's Liquors, and which now are able to sell both food and off-premises alcohol within the same store. He spoke of his business as a struggling operation, and stated that leaving the door open between the package store and the pizza store might be the difference between survival and death for the latter.

The commissioners expressed concerns with his past disregard for the conditions of his common victualler license, and prior violations of the terms of his liquor license. They found it worrisome that Mr. Wood's approach to issues with the terms of his license was to chat informally with unrelated people, and then deliberately violate those terms, rather than take the obvious step of contacting the License Commission. Commissioner Guinasso raised the issue of the number of children who regularly walk by and into the pizza store in the residential neighborhood, and questioned whether it would be too easy for them to wander into the package store through the open door.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner LaCroix, and seconded by Chairman Quarantello, it was VOTED to eliminate the condition of Woody's Liquors license to maintain a closed door between his two operations. Commissioner Guinasso voted in opposition. It was asked that, if Mr. Wood has future problems or questions regarding his license, he communicate directly with the Commission.

**VOTED ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION**

Gasco Oil, Inc.  
d/b/a **Gasco**  
520 Broadway  
Elias Elkaouli, President

**Application for a Wine/Malt Package Store License:** Application of Gasco Oil, Inc. d/b/a Gasco, Elias Elkaouli, President, Pierre Rachid El Khawley, Manager for a new License to sell Wine & Malt Beverages as a Package Store, said license to be exercised at 520 Broadway, Revere, MA. Hours of sales would be Monday – Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Attorney Daniel Buckley represented the applicant. He described the business as a family-run operation which has been in its present location for the past decade. He submitted a supplemental floor plan delineating specifically where the beer and wine would be kept. This placement is to keep it separated from their other products, while keeping the beer and wine area within view of the cashier at all times. During the busiest hours of the day, there are two cashiers in the store, so there would always be someone able to see the area. Their location is on the corner of Proctor Avenue and Broadway, an area with many businesses, and they plan no changes to their signs.

Chairman Quarantello called for proponents and opponents. Mr. Anthony Moschella spoke in favor of the application. Mr. Barry Simon spoke in moderated opposition: he considers the establishment itself to be a good neighbor, but has ongoing problems with the parking lot being a nighttime hangout for people who stay there for hours and leave the lot, and Mr. Simon's yard, littered with beer cans and syringes. Mr. Simon would like to see

that issue mitigated, perhaps with a fence, before a license is granted. Attorney Buckley stated that his client has been working with Mr. Simon, and is willing to consider installing a fence; however, he would like to stress that these people are not customers of Gasco, but are rather people occupying the lot for their own purposes. Mr. Mike Ghaly spoke in direct opposition: as the owner of D & L Discount Liquors, he does not want the additional competition to his own business.

Chairman Quarantello asked Lt. Randall about the parking lot being a hangout. Lt. Randall said that the property is a known hangout for teenagers after school, and that monitoring that area is an official directive of the Broadway patrols. Since monitoring, the afternoon situation has improved.

The commissioners delved into the problems raised by Mr. Simon. It was established that the property is cleaned up in the mornings, and that the afternoon 'hangout' problem has been successfully mitigated; the current problem is people hanging around after 6 p.m. The difficulty arises with much of the parking area being out of sight of the staff, whose current plan is to tell loiterers to leave, and call the police if they don't leave. Lt. Randall suggested that a closed-circuit camera covering the problem areas would help.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner LaCroix, and seconded by Chairman Quarantello, it was VOTED to approve the application, with the **stipulation** that the licensee must first install both a fence and a closed-circuit camera for the purpose of mitigating the issue of problem loiterers.

Dairy Mart Liquor, Inc.  
d/b/a **Dairy Mart Liquor**  
160 Squire Road  
Kevinn Leng, President & Manager

**Application to Alter Licensed Premises:** Application of Dairy Mart Liquor, Inc. d/b/a Dairy Mart Liquor, 160 Squire Road, Revere, MA, Kevinn Leng, President & Manager, for an alteration of licensed premises, said alteration being the replacement of both the rooftop sign and the standing accessory sign.

Attorney Daniel Buckley represented the applicant. The applicant has already been granted a special permit from the City Council to change the signs. The rooftop sign will remain the same size as it is presently.

The License Commission considers this matter outside their purview, as there are no changes being made to the inside of the establishment. The application was therefore considered unnecessary, and the applicant able to make the requested changes under the authority of the special permit.

Revere Restaurant Group, Inc.  
d/b/a **Tio Juan's Margarita's Mexican Restaurant**  
85 American Legion Highway  
Rick Soares, Manager

**Application for a Change of Manager:** Application of Revere Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Tio Juan's Margarita's Mexican Restaurant, Rick Soares, Manager, to change manager from Casey Furtaw to Rick Soares.

***This application was withdrawn prior to the meeting, as the proposed new manager has resigned, and the licensee will need to acquire a replacement.***

571 Revere Street, Inc.  
d/b/a **The Cove**  
571 Revere Street  
Martin Dolan, Manager

**Application for a Special 3-day Alcohol License:** Application of 571 Revere Street, Inc. d/b/a The Cove, 571 Revere Street, Martin Dolan, Manager, for a Special 3-day License to serve all alcoholic beverages for a Going Away Party Fundraiser; said license to be exercised at 571 Revere Street, Revere, MA, from Friday, January 24 – Sunday, January 26, from 12:00 p.m. – 2 a.m., with the number of attendees being sixty people.

Martin Dolan appeared for the application. They are requesting a 3-day license to have a going-away party that will be a fundraiser for the Dialysis Relief Fund of America. Mr. Dolan's father has been on dialysis for many years. Chairman Quarantello asked if food would be made available, and was told that there would only be such food as was brought in by attendees. The Fire department has tagged the kitchen equipment in The Cove as unsafe to operate.

Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to approve the application. Commissioner Guinasso took the opportunity to wish the elder Mr. Dolan well in his struggles with dialysis.

**SHOW CAUSE HEARING:**

Show Cause Hearing for Wonderland Entertainment, LLC d/b/a **Wonderland**, 1290 North Shore Road, Charles Delpidio, Manager, regarding violation of 2 a.m. closing time, and requiring several police officers to clear out patrons after closing finally occurred.

Mr. Taras Hrabec appeared for the hearing, accompanied by Mr. Reza, one of the owners. The manager of record, Mr. Charles Delpidio, was unavailable, and the Commission agreed with his request that any decisions would be held until Mr. Delpidio was available. However, the Commission wanted reassurances that there would be no incidents in the interim period. The Commission jointly expressed very serious concerns with the fact that this is the second time in recent months that Wonderland has been called before them regarding incidents which required significant police presence to resolve. They cited the fears of neighboring residents, and the consequences to the city as a whole when the entire complement of patrolling police are tied up with incidents at Wonderland. In addition, they found it worrisome that Wonderland was still open at 2:20 a.m., in violation of their licensed closing time. Mr. Reza expressed confidence in Mr. Hrabec, and stated that their understanding was that they have always had until 2:30 a.m. to clear patrons out of the building. The Commission vehemently opposed that notion, and reiterated their concerns about failures in oversight, and insufficient security.

It was decided that a special meeting should be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> to hear this matter, and the management of Wonderland was directed to meet with the Police Chief and Lt. Randall to arrange security for the intervening weekend, and instructed that, if the plans for the weekend did not meet with the Chief's approval, then those events must be cancelled. Commissioner Guinasso wished to be recorded as not in favor of this plan, but acceding to the vote of her colleagues.

The matter was continued until January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Wonderland Entertainment, LLC  
d/b/a **Wonderland**  
1290 North Shore Road  
Charles Delpidio, Manager

**Application for a Special One-Day Entertainment License:** Application of Wonderland Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Wonderland, 1290 North Shore Road, Charles Delpidio, Manager, for a special One-Day License for 18+ musical event for women only to be held on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 p.m. – 1 a.m. Entertainment to be a Latin concert by Plan B.

This matter was continued until the special meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>, pending the results of the hearing.

**SHOW CAUSE HEARING:**

Show Cause Hearing for Revere Liquors, Inc. d/b/a **D & L Discount Liquors**, 653 Broadway, Magdy Ghaly, President & Manager, regarding violation of Massachusetts law prohibiting sale of alcohol to minors.

Mr. Mike Ghaly appeared for the hearing. His employee had been found serving a minor as part of a compliance sting run by the Revere Police Department. Mr. Ghaly apologized for the mistake on the part of his employee, and said that it was directly against his policy. He has been in business for fifteen years, and this is his second violation (the last one was about three years ago). The young man who sold alcohol to the minor is new, with only six months on the job. Upon being asked how he would prevent such mistakes in future, Mr. Ghaly reiterated that this is against his policy and expressed his dismay that such mistakes can happen. He told the License Commission that he is generally very helpful to the police, and that he has no wish to fire his employee, who has, with this one exception, been a conscientious employee. Mr. Lewis-Carbozzi, the employee in question, spoke to the Commission, and stated that he had been at the end of his shift, and tired, when he made the sale.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Chairman Quarantello, it was VOTED to table this matter, pending further violations.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Communication dated 1-2-2014 from Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission: a notice of hearing for David Lightbody d/b/a **The Boulevard Bar & Grille** on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. for possible violation of law requiring automatic amusement devices to be in open view at all times.

2. Communication dated 12-2-2013 from Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission: a decision that **Revere Lodge #1171 Of the B.P.O.E. of U.S.A.** was found to have violated the law requiring automatic amusement devices to be in open view at all times. The Commission issued a warning. Violation date July 18, 2013; hearing date November 19, 2013.
3. Communication dated 12-2-2013 from Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission: a decision that Speakeasy, Inc. d/b/a **Speakeasy** was found to have violated the law requiring automatic amusement devices to be in open view at all times. The Commission issued a warning. Violation date March 25, 2013; hearing date November 19, 2013.

All communications accepted and placed on file.

#### **LICENSE RENEWALS FOR 2014**

##### **Class 2 Auto**

Avetis John Nakashian d/b/a European Exotics Auto Sales, 787 North Shore Road  
Bob's Auto Body Services, Ltd., 1456 North Shore Road  
Joseph J. McDonough Associates, 1608 North Shore Road

##### **Common Victualler**

Shri Bhramani, Inc. d/b/a Anthony's Supermarket, 760 Broadway  
Lorena's 3 Leches Cakes Corp. d/b/a Lorena's 3 Leches Cakes, 341 Broadway  
Hamdi Balla, LLC d/b/a Nick's Place II, 64 Revere Beach Boulevard  
Drive-In Diner, 419 Lee Burbank Highway  
Romero Jimenez Corp. d/b/a Olympia Market, 5 Atlantic Avenue

##### **Entertainment**

Drive-In Diner, 419 Lee Burbank Highway

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, it was unanimously VOTED to approve all renewals.

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule a special hearing for Wonderland on January 29, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, and the next regular meeting for February 19, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Following the foregoing, there being no further business to come before the Board upon Motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

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Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr., Chairman

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Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary

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