



City of Westfield, Massachusetts

LICENSE COMMISSION



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LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING Monday, March 18, 2019 MINUTES

Meeting convened at 6.02 p.m.

Chairman Mowatt, Commissioner Diaz and Commissioner Dawicki were present.

It was noted that the Westfield News was in attendance recording the meeting.

SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING.

1. Starfire Concessions, Donald L Moorehouse, Jr applying for a Section 14 Wine & Malt one day license at 135 King St., Ex., Bullens Field, Westfield, MA for Westfield Starfires Baseball games.

The office manager stated the following:

- In front of you is an application for a number of days for a one day beer & wine license.
- After this item on the agenda you will hear from the applicant who will give you more information regarding their events.
- The licensee has entered into a lease with the City of Westfield for baseball games at Bullens Field.
- The City ordinances have been changed to allow alcohol on this property.
- The one day license requests that are in front of you for approval in the event that the licensee does not receive approval from the ABCC in time of opening day which is May 31, 2019.
- If you do not grant approval of these one day licenses and the ABCC has not approved their annual renewal by May 31st then the licensee cannot come and ask you for a one day license.
- The licensee is asking to waive the fees of the one day licenses due to applying for an annual license which he will be then paying the full license fee.

A motion was made by Chairman Mowatt, seconded and unanimously VOTED to approve the Sec. 14 beer & wine licenses from 5pm to 10pm on May 31, 2019 / June 3, 2019 / June 4, 2019 / June 8, 2019 /

June 16, 2019 / June 19, 2019 / June 21, 2019 and to waive the license fees.

2. Starfire Concessions, Donald L Moorehouse, Jr applying for a Section 12 all alcoholic general on premises license and entertainment, license at 135 King St. Ex., Bullens Field, Westfield, MA.

Mr. Donald Moorehouse, Jr, was present and stated the following,

- The futures league is a summer collegiate baseball league.
- There are eight teams in this league throughout New England.
- These games will be similar to the Valley Blue Sox games in Holyoke, MA
- This operation is run like the minor league baseball teams.
- There is ticketing, corporate sponsorship, merchandise & concession sales.
- They are looking to sell liquor, beer & wine at the games.
- Their plan is to have a couple of beer stations around the field.
- They will sell canned beer and will be pouring it into cups.
- By the right field area they would like to set up a beer garden that is fenced in where fans can stand and watch the game.
- One the third base side, they would have a kiosk where they would sell beer out of that.
- The diagram presented has every possible area that they could sell alcohol.
- They wanted to make sure that they covered every possibility due to the ABCC requiring to know where alcohol is being sold and served from.
- They will be selling the alcohol out of the two concession stands.
- The kiosks may be a tent set up. Not necessarily permanent structures.

Mr. Moorehouse presented the commission with colored copies of the layout of the field where alcohol would be sold.

Chairman Mowatt read a list of conditions that is in the lease that the commission will also set as conditions.

- Alcohol shall not be served after the 5th inning of a 7-inning game or after the 7th inning of a 9-inning game.
- In regards to the entertainment license, any amplification of games, music or announcements must be turned off no later than 10 p.m.

Mr. Moorehouse stated the following,

- They will play 7 inning games if they were to play double headers.
- When they play double headers they play 2 – 7 inning games.
- The league is six nights a week.
- The league will play at home at least three nights per week.

Commissioner Diaz asked if there would be security during the games.

Mr. Moorehouse stated the following,

- There will be 2 police officers on duty every night at a minimum.
- If they are projecting a sell out with 800 to 1000 people they will hire more officers.
- The games will start at 6.30 pm and be done by 10 p.m. per the lease with the City.
- There will be no alcohol sales during the day games and at all school day games.
- He will have a staff of 8-10 people and will add staff if needed.
- The more people he has in attendance the more staff he will have.
- He will be on site for every game.
- Anyone working on the field and in the serving of alcohol will be TIPS certified.

Chairman Mowatt asked to explain the amplification of the games that would be covered under their entertainment license.

Mr. Moorehouse stated the following,

- They will be playing the National Anthem, announcing the starting lineup and playing music between innings.

Chairman Mowatt explained the entertainment license requirements and responsibilities.

Commission Dawicki stated she is concerned with people bringing alcohol from the outside into the ball field.

Mr. Moorehouse stated the following,

- The ball field is gated.
- There are 3 entrances. 2 entrances will be used for ticket sales.
- They will be putting police officers at the entrances at the start of the game.
- They are hoping that would prevent people from wanted to bring in alcohol.
- They will also have staff working in the parking lot.

Commissioner Dawicki asked how they will control the amount of alcohol consumed and how they will control overserving with the number of kiosks that will be open for alcohol sales.

Mr. Moorehouse stated the following,

- As the manager he will be moving around and keeping an eye on everything.
- Due to the layout of the field, there will not be much traffic flow between the two kiosks, which will limit people from going hopping between the two.
- The way it is set up is that whichever entrance the patrons come into will be where they will sit and where they will purchase their beverages.

No one spoke in favor

No one spoke in opposition

DELIBERATION:

Chairman Mowatt stated the following,

- Looking at the lease, there is a number of restrictions that they put adhere to.

The office manager stated that the following items are still pending from the licensee that is required before a license can be issued to them.

- Proof of Liquor Liability
- Workers Compensation Coverage
- Certificate of Inspection signed by the Building Department and the Fire Department.

All three Commissioners stated that this is great for the City.

A motion was made by Chairman Mowatt, seconded and unanimously VOTED to approve the Sec. 12 annual all alcohol general on premises license contingent upon receiving proof of liquor liability, workers compensation coverage and certificate of inspections signed by the building department and the fire department and to approve the entertainment license with the following restrictions.

- Alcohol shall not be served after the 5th inning of a 7-inning game or after the 7th inning of a 9-inning game.
- In regards to the entertainment license, any amplification of games, music or announcements must be turned off no later than 10 p.m.

Chairman Mowatt asked the licensee to be specifically carefully with the noise and to be respectful of their neighbors.

3. Gopal Krishna Convenience, Inc. d/b/a Union Mart, Meet Patel, mgr, 420 Union Street, Westfield, MA applying for a change of corporate officers, change of ownership interest and alteration of their licensed premises for their Section 15 wine & malt package store license. Licensee is also applying for a Section 15 all alcoholic seasonal license at the same location.

Present was Meet Patel, owner and Attorney Brad Moir.

Chairman Mowatt read the legal ad into the minutes.

Attorney Brad Moir stated the following,

- The licensee is first requesting a change of corporate officers/beneficial interest & alteration of licensed premises.
- Meet Patel and his father will remain at corporate officers.
- Mrs. Patel is being removed from the corporation.
- They are also looking to rearrange the store due to applying for a seasonal all alcohol license.

The commission reviewed the new layout plan with the applicant and his attorney.

Attorney Brad Moir stated the following.

- The next request is for a seasonal all alcoholic package store license.
- They have held a beer & wine package store license for a number of years now.
- The licensee is still a convenience store and operates under convenience store hours.
- The closest all alcoholic package store license is Walmart & Mrs. Phipps.
- They are not looking to sell a lot of alcohol.
- They will not have a large variety of alcohol to choose from like the other all alcoholic package stores.
- They want to sell all alcohol for the convenience of their customers.

The office manager stated the following to the commission.

- The licensee has never had an incident against their establishment.
- They have never failed a sting compliance check.
- Seasonal all alcoholic licenses run from April 1st to January 15th.
- During the time of January 16th through March 31st the licensee will need to remove all alcohol from their shelves and return it to their distributors.
- During that time they can only sell their beer & wine.
- The application is complete.

Commissioner Dawicki stated with the change in alteration, it looks as the convenience store section of the establishment is shrinking.

Meet Patel stated the following.

- The convenience section of the store is actually more than the beer, wine & alcohol section.
- They will be adding more shelves in the future near the window for convenience items.

Commissioner Dawicki asked the office manager how many seasonal all alcoholic package store licenses the City has.

The office manager stated that we have 2 and if you approve this request the city will only have one more in their quota.

With nothing further, a motion was made by Chairman Mowatt, seconded and unanimously VOTED to move to deliberation.

No one spoke in favor of the application.

No one spoke in opposition of the application.

DELIBERATION.

Chairman Mowatt stated the following:

- The store has been good so far.
- There have been no police incident calls to the location.
- He was concerned with the amount of alcohol sales available within the general area in the establishment.
- Attorney Moir brings up a good point, it is about convenience.
- It is a very small space within the establishment.
- This request represents a request for variety for his customers.
- There will not be more traffic to the location.
- More of a convenience for their current customers.

Commissioner Dawicki stated her primary concern was that every beer and wine package store will now be requesting an all alcoholic seasonal license. After hearing from the office manager that there is only two seasonal available she does not have any issues.

A motion was made by Chairman Mowatt, seconded and unanimously VOTED to approve the first Application of change of officers and alteration of licensed premises and the second application for a Sec. 15 Seasonal all alcoholic package store license.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6.46pm.



Christopher Mowatt, Chairman

Approved.

SIGN-IN SHEET

License Commission Meeting

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REASON FOR BEING PRESENT

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