

**MINUTES  
LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING  
AUGUST 20, 2014**

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE Revere License Commission was called to order by Chairman Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr. at 4:00 p.m. on August 20, 2014. Vice Chairperson Linda Guinasso, Commissioner John M. LaCroix, and Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary, present.**

Vote to accept Minutes: Vote to accept the Minutes of 7/17/14.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix, it was VOTED to approve the minutes.

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

**St. Mary of the Assumption Church**

670 Washington Avenue  
Ettore DeFrancesco, Contact

**Application for a Special One-Day License for Malt/Wine, Common Victualler and Entertainment:**

Application of St. Mary of the Assumption Church for a special one-day license for malt/wine, common victualler and entertainment, to be exercised at St. Mary's Hall, 670 Washington Avenue from 5 p.m. until 11 p.m. on September 13, 2014, for St. Lucy's Feast Dinner.

Ettore DeFrancesco appeared for the application. Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to approve the application.

Maekha Thai, LLC  
d/b/a **Maekha Thai Restaurant**  
163 Squire Road  
Louis Schorr, Owner

**Application for a Change of Manager:** Application of Maekha Thai, LLC d/b/a Maekha Thai Restaurant, Louis Schorr, Owner, for a Change of Manager from Poomara DeFilippo to Louis Schorr.

Louis Schorr appeared for the application. Upon a motion duly made by Chairman Quarantello, and seconded by Commissioner Guinasso, it was VOTED to approve the application.

99 West, LLC  
d/b/a **99 Restaurant & Pub**  
121 VFW Parkway  
Michael Dirks, Manager

**Application for a Change of Officers/Directors:** Application of 99 West, LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant & Pub, Michael Dirks, Manager, for a change of officers/directors to accommodate the retirement of two officers/directors, who will not be replaced. This application is being processed as an inverted application through the Mass. Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, as it is one of many throughout the state.

Michael Dirks appeared for the application. Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Guinasso, and seconded by Commissioner LaCroix it was VOTED to approve the application.

Grenquist Engineering and Capital Services  
d/b/a **Corto Dito**  
1300 North Shore Road (Wonderland Subway Station)  
Dr. Scott Grenquist, Owner and Manager

**Application for a Common Victualler License:** Application of Grenquist Engineering and Capital Services d/b/a Corto Dito, Dr. Scott Grenquist, Owner and Manager for a Common Victualler license to be exercised at 1300 North Shore Road, Revere, MA, within the Wonderland Subway Station, to sell coffee, muffins, candy bars, soda, pretzels and hot dogs. Requested hours of operation are 5:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 5:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Requested seating is none. **Continued from the meeting of July 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Applicant was neither present nor represented when called. The application was tabled until the next meeting.

Café Montecristo, Inc.  
d/b/a **Montecristo Restaurant**  
364 Broadway  
Raul D. Alarcon, Manager

**Application for a Common Victualler License:** Application of Café Montecristo, Inc. d/b/a Montecristo Restaurant, Raul D. Alarcon, Manager, for a Common Victualler license to sell Mexican and Central American food; said license to be exercised at 364 Broadway, Revere, MA, with requested hours of 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. and requested seating of 32. – **At request of applicant, continued to next meeting.**

At the request of the applicant, this application was continued to the next meeting.

The Hertz Corporation  
d/b/a **Hertz Car Sales**  
40 Lee Burbank Highway  
Mark Paul Frissora, President  
John DeMarco, Manager

**Application for a Class 2 Motor Vehicle License:** Application of The Hertz Corporation d/b/a Hertz Car Sales, Mark Paul Frissora, President, John DeMarco, Manager, for a Class 2 Motor Vehicle License, to be exercised at 40 Lee Burbank Highway, Revere, MA, with a requested inventory of 100 cars. **This matter was continued from the meeting of July 17<sup>th</sup>.**

John DeMarco appeared for the application. The company has resolved its outstanding issues with the City Council. There will be signs and fencing separating the used car sales from the park & fly and car rental aspects of the operation.

City Council President Anthony Zambuto spoke in favor of the application. He stated that all issues with the City Council have been resolved. There were no opponents when called.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner LaCroix, and seconded by Chairman Quarantello, it was VOTED to approve the application.

**HEARING:**

Hearing for MFRP Corp. d/b/a The Squire, 604 Squire Road, Peter DePesa, Manager, regarding three incidents which required police presence to resolve. **Continued from meeting of July 17, 2014.**

Attorney Lawrence Simeone represented the license holder. In addition, Peter DePesa appeared for the hearing. Testimony was solicited from several Revere Police officers, as well as members of the staff of The Squire. Each of the incidents was exhaustively analyzed over the course of two hours. Another forty-five minutes was spent in discussion of the overall situation with regard to the number of incidents over the course of a relatively short time.

In each of the incidents in question, it was determined that no violations were committed by the establishment and its staff. However, the Commission remained concerned about the number of incidents requiring police presence (above and beyond the paid police detail officer) over a relatively short span of time. The Commissioners expressed concern for the safety of the police officers as well as the staff and patrons of The Squire. The police, too, felt that the situation was creating a risk to public safety. The Commission proposed requiring extra police detail officers on the busy nights. Mr. DePesa expressed a belief that the Commission was singling out his establishment unfairly, and asked if such businesses as the 99 Restaurant were being subjected to such scrutiny from the Commission and the Revere Police department. He was, however, willing to accede to the measures determined upon by the License Commission. Commissioner Guinasso asked Lt. Callahan if other establishments in the city are required to have more than one police detail officer, and he replied that yes, several are, and some as many as 4 – 6 officers at some times.

After a sometimes lively discussion among all parties, the Commission VOTED to table the matter for 60 days, during which time the management of The Squire would retain two police detail officers on Thursday – Saturday nights, and would consult with Revere Police to develop measures to avoid future incidents as much as practicable, and report back to the License Commission after the allotted time.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Notice from Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission of an amendment allowing farmer-wineries to charge a fee to customers for on-premises sampling of their winery products.

All communications were accepted and placed on file.

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

##### **Common Victualler**

Fedal Lahsane d/b/a Assalam Market, 1559 North Shore Road

##### **Hotel**

Emerald Business Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Rodeway Inn, 309 American Legion Highway

It was unanimously VOTED to schedule the next regular meeting on September 17, 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 7:05 p.m.

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Joseph W. Quarantello, Jr., Chairman

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Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of August 20, 2014