

*City of Westfield, Massachusetts*  
**LICENSE COMMISSION**



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**LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 23, 2021 6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Specific information can be found on the City of Westfield website at [www.cityofwestfield.org](http://www.cityofwestfield.org). For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so by tuning into Channel 15 or Channel 12 or online at [westfieldtv.org](http://westfieldtv.org) or online at Youtube.com - Westfield Community Programming Channel. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the City's website an audio recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

Access information for the meeting is as follows:

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Present was Commissioner Diaz and Commissioner Dawicki.

Chairman Mowatt was absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz to make Commissioner Dawicki acting Chairman in the absence of Chairman Mowatt.

The next License Commission meeting was confirmed for July 12, 2021. Meeting will be held in person in the City Council Chambers. Acting Chairman Dawicki stated she is unable to attend. The Office Manager stated she will confirm with Chairman Mowatt he is able to attend. If not she will reschedule the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz, seconded and VOTED to approve the minutes of May 19, 2021 as presented.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. 6:00 p.m. Papp's Bar & Grill, LLC d/b/a Tobiko, 110 Airport Road, Sokharun Yim, manager applying for a change of ownership Interest to add Byung W. Kim as a LLC member.

Acting Chairman Dawicki read the legal ad into the minutes.

Present on the zoom meeting to represent the application was LLC Manager Sokharun Yim who stated the following:

- This request is for adding Byung W. Kim to the LLC as 50% partner.
- The bar manager will stay the same.
- There is no change to the operation of the business.

Commissioner Diaz stated that it looks like everything is in order.

The Office Manager stated that this application is complete.

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz, seconded and VOTED to approve the request for change of ownership to add Byung W. Kim.

A motion was made by Acting Chairman Dawicki, seconded and VOTED and suspend the rules to go to an item on the Regular Agenda until 6:15pm when the Commission can hear the next Public Hearing.

**REGULAR MEETING:**

1. Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival, Inc. Peter Langmore, requesting a Section 14 one day wine & malt license and entertainment license for a concert at Westfield State University.

Peter Langmore and Bill Connoer was present on the zoom meeting and stated the following:

- The event will be on July 17, 2021. Gates open at 4pm and the festival will run until 10pm.
- The concert will be held on the green in front of Ely Hall at Westfield State University.
- The beer will be supplied by New City Brewery, Easthampton, MA.
- They will have TIP certified servers, all ID's will be verified and wrist bands supplied.
- University security will be on hand in plain clothes and uniforms.
- This festival was started in 1994 in Blandford for five years, moved to Stanley Park for five more years. After outgrowing these venues it was moved to Look Park. In 2007 we started selling beer and wine at the Festival. We have never had an incident as a result of the sale of beer.

- The festival is a volunteer organization and profits are donated to two other non-profits. One of these is the Forum House in Westfield.
- Volunteers check ID's, issue wrist bands and sell tickets for the purchase of beer.
- Westfield State University security will provide coverage for the duration of the event.
- The concert will feature three bands.
- They are hoping between 500-600 attendees.
- They are asking for the waiver of both of the license fees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz, seconded and VOTED to approve the Section 14 one day wine & malt license and entertainment license and that the fee be waived.

A motion was made by Acting Chairman Dawicki, seconded and VOTED to return to the 6:15pm Public Hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

2. 6:15 p.m. Arnold Street Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Maple Leaf Pub, Holly Neylon, mgr, 11 Arnold Street applying for an alteration of licensed premises to increase existing outside patio area.

Present on the phone line to represent the application was manager Holly Neylon who stated the following:

- They are looking to extend their outside patio to an area that they use for their staff parking.
- They will be concreting that area and use half the area for parking, and the other half of the area as an outside patio dining area. There will be a barrier dividing the two areas.
- They have worked with Westfield Bank who agreed to allow them to remove the existing chain-link fencing and they will be replacing it with a 6' privacy fence that will be secured.

Commissioner Diaz stated the following:

- He is happy they will be setting up barriers and privacy fencing.
- The establishment is doing a great job.
- The staff is very professional and all the remodeling they have been doing looks great.
- He wants them to be successful and feels it is a good idea to have an additional outside patio area.

Acting Chairman Dawicki asked if there will be any outside entertainment.

The Office Manager stated at this time there is no request for entertainment.

Holly stated the following:

- On the existing patio they currently have piped in music from the juke box and there are a couple of TV's on the deck.
- They have not thought about having entertainment on the new area.
- If they entertain the idea they will come to the commission for approval.
- They are hoping this addition will bring in more business.
- They are looking to enhance their business for the community.

A motion was made by Acting Chairman Dawicki, seconded and VOTED to approve the request to alter the licensed premises.

## REGULAR MEETING:

2. Chuck Kelly requesting a Section 14 one day malt license and entertainment license for The 3<sup>rd</sup> Whip City Brewfest, a Benefit for the Amelia Park Children's Museum on Saturday August 28, 2021 in the Central Street Parking Lot.

Chuck Kelly & Rick Barry were present on the zoom meeting and stated the following:

- This event is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Whip City Brewfest for the Amelia Park Children's Museum.
- The previous two years they have had it, it was held in the Westfield News Parking Lot with School Street closed off.
- This year it will be held in the Central Street Parking Lot. He has already received approval from the Off Street Parking Commission.
- The Brewfest will be on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 12pm to 5pm.
- Patrons will be wearing one of two color wrist bands. One color is for those allowed to be served and the other color is for those not tasting the beer. You must have a wrist band to participate and be on the premises.
- They have barricades to ensure the event has only one pedestrian enter/exit location with emergency exits if needed.
- Bands will be playing on the stage throughout the event. DJ must will be provided between set up of each band.

Commissioner Diaz stated that this event has been well thought of and is in full support of approving these license requests.

A motion was made by Acting Chairman Dawicki seconded and VOTED to approve the Section 14 one day malt license and entertainment license and that the fee be waived.

3. American Legion Post 124, 38 Broad Street requesting a Liquor License Manager change to Denise M Cromwell-Muransky.

Denise M Cromwell-Muransky was present on the phone line and stated the following:

- She is the new liquor manager for American Legion.
- William Cervenayco is stepping down.
- She understands what she is getting into.
- She has been a bartender for over 40 years. Formerly bartender and manager at Slovak Hall for over 19 years.
- She is TIPS certified.

The office manager stated the application is in order.

A motion was made by Acting Chairman Dawicki, seconded and VOTED to approve the liquor license manager change.

4. St Mary's PTO, Patty Schweitzer and Robin Jenson requesting a Section 14 one day wine and malt license for June 27, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz, seconded and unanimously VOTED to approve the one day Section 14 wine and malt license and that the fee be waived due to being nonprofit.

5. Police incident reports.

The following police incidents were read and approved to be filed.

7B's	incident# 21-17789 dated 5-29-2021
Whip City Brew	incident# 21-19534 dated 6-12-2021
Applebee's	incident# 21-19536 dated 6-13-2021

**LATE COMMUNICATION:**

1. The office manager stated that she received a letter from the Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance Risk Pool Carrier that they terminated City Package Store, 131 Meadow Street workers compensation on May 29, 2021. The office manager stated that she sent to the establishment a certified letter that was received by the licensee on June 17, 2021. The letter stated that their workers compensation was terminated. A workers comp affidavit was mailed to them asking them to resubmit to the Commission by tonight's meeting. To date we have received nothing from the Licensee. She has a call into the Law Department asking if we can call them into an informational hearing. She is pending a response.

A motion was made by Acting Dawicki, seconded and VOTED to call the licensee into an informational hearing to discuss their workers comp for their employees which was terminated and is a requirement to hold their liquor licenses.


**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

1. ABCC Communication regarding Patios/Outdoor Expansions & Takeaway/delivery of alcohol issued June 16, 2021.

The Office Manager stated the following:

- The ABCC issued an advisory stating the patios/outdoor expansions have been approved to continue the temporary outdoor operations until April 1, 2022.
- The advisory also stated that the takeaway/delivery of alcohol for on premises consumption of alcohol may continue the takeaway and delivery sales of alcohol until May 1, 2022 with the sale of food.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:48p.m.

  
Christopher Mowatt, Chairman      Approved