

Meeting Minutes

City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Organization: Melrose Local Liquor Licensing Commission
Meeting Date: Thursday, November 2, 2023
Meeting Location: Cassidy Conference Room, City Hall

Attendees: Joe Nevin, Chair
Michael V. Iudice, Commissioner
Kevin Cronin, Commissioner
Lauren Grymek, Clerk to the Liquor Commission

9:06am **Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Joe Nevin**

I. Old Business

1. Melrose Wine and Spirits, LLC, application for the transfer for a permit for Retail Food Establishment Pursuant to G.L. c. 138, Section 12, from A Life Story, Inc. d.b.a. Beacon Hill Wine and Gourmet to be exercised and used at 538 Main Street, Melrose MA 02176
 - a. Application is being withdrawn as a sale of the business is not moving forward.
 - b. Commissioner Iudice motioned to accept the withdrawal.
 - c. Commissioner Cronin seconded the motion.
 - d. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

II. New Business

1. One-Day Special Permit Applications submitted to local licensing authority:
 - a. *Bobby C's Ristorante – Saturday, November 4, 2023, 5:00pm – 10:00pm, Melrose Symphony Concert, Memorial Hall, 590 Main Street, Melrose MA 02176*
 - Application and accompanying documents reviewed.
 - Commissioner Iudice made a motion to approve the one-day License application with the amendment that serving stop at 9:30pm.
 - Commissioner Cronin seconded the motion.
 - All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. *Blisspoint LLC D/B/A Blisspoint Meadery - Melrose Farmer's Market 2023 Winter Markets at 1. Bowden Park (11/19/23) and 2. Memorial Hall (12/17/23).*
 - Application and accompanying documents reviewed.

- Commissioner Nevin noted that this applicant was before the Commission previously to receive approval to sample at the outdoor Farmers Markets throughout the 2023 Season.
- Commissioner Iudice made a motion to approve the one-day License application for both dates.
- Commissioner Cronin seconded the motion.
- All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Mex Fajita's Inc D/B/A Mexico Lindo – Application for Change of Business Entity Information

- a. Paperwork reviewed, as required by the ABCC for transfer of stock ownership.
- b. Commissioner Iudice made a motion to approve the change.
- c. Commissioner Cronin seconded the motion.
- d. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Memo from Mayor Brodeur Regarding Farmer Brewers Pouring Permit

- a. Commissioners received the memo from Mayor Brodeur, which is now submitted as part of the official meeting record.
- b. Commissioners agreed to review the contents of the memo and discuss it at a future meeting.
- c. Commissioner Iudice motioned to table the item to a future meeting.
- d. Commissioner Cronin seconded the motion.
- e. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Items not reasonably anticipated by Chairman at the time of posting.

- a. None

9:26am

Motion to Adjourn

- Commissioner Iudice made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Commissioner Cronin seconded the motion.
- All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned.

9:28am

Motion to Reconsider the Motion to Adjourn

- Commissioner Iudice noted members of the public in attendance to speak on the first agenda item and motioned to reconsider the motion to adjourn, to reconsider the first agenda item.
- Commissioner Cronin seconded the motion.
- All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

- Attorney James Raftery and Charles Marquardt representing the buyers party for Beacon Hill Wine & Gourmet appeared to offer comments to the Commission.
- Party indicated they did not want to withdraw the application but to have the application denied on the basis that transfers of liquor licenses not allowed.
- Commissioner Iudice motioned to table the matter pending input from the City Solicitor.
- Commissioner Cronin seconded the motion.
- All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

10:11am

Motion to Adjourn

- Commissioner Iudice made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- Commissioner Cronin seconded the motion.
- All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned.