



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

March 3, 2015

REPORT OF THE LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dennis M. Sullivan	Chair	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Vice Chair	Present	
John M. Connolly	Alderman At Large	Present	

Others present: Alderman Katjana Ballantyne, John Long, Ellen Collins, Jackie Rossetti

**1. Approval of the February 4, 2015 Minutes**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
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- 2. 198457 : Public Hearing - New Garage License - Top Car Auto** The applicants appeared and noted that this location was previously an auto parts business.
- 3. 198459 : Public Hearing - New Mobile Food License - Pennypackers** Applicant Kevin McGuire spoke on the item and stated that the owner wants to be named on the certificate of insurance.
- 4. 198460 : Public Hearing - New Mobile Food License - Rythym n Wraps** Applicant Aaron Cohen appeared before the committee.
- 5. 198534 : Public Hearing - Used Car Dealer's License Class II - Alewife Automotive** Three applicants appeared from Alewife Automotive in support of the item. Two residents spoke saying that 50 cars would be too many for the community. Residents said that the applicant has been better with regards to cars on the street and the lot, however the community does not want a used car lot in the neighborhood.

**196760: That the Administration create a process to evaluate public events for financial impacts on city resources, and use it for all public event applications.**

Ms. Rossetti spoke about the financial impacts of events on the city's resources. Discussions were held to ensure that there are no direct event expenses for the city and a process was implemented that allows the city to track all expenses.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>WORK COMPLETED</b>
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**197553: Sign/Awning Permit, Brazil Express, 429 Somerville Ave., 1 sign.**

The application for this item is not complete. The committee directed that ISD inspect the property and ascertain that all approvals for the sign have been met.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**197845: New Extended Operating Hours License, Hess, 709 McGrath, operating 24/7.**

The item was approved with the condition that the location be kept clean with a routine cleaning schedule.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS</b>
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**197846: New Mobile Food Vendor, Wizard Catering.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**197940: New Garage License, ABJ Foreign Auto Supply, 91 Marshall St., 3 cars inside, 27 outside, M-F 8-6PM, Sa 8-3PM.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**197964: That the Director of SPCD (ISD) inventory all businesses on Columbia Street to determine proper licensing and adherence to licensing requirements, and report his findings to the Ward 2 Alderman.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>WORK COMPLETED</b>
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**198337: Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pearl St Auto, 182 Pearl St.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**198433: Submitted by Crown Castle to install 350 feet of fiber optic cable in new conduit from Pole 211/6 at Line Street along Smith Avenue to a point of pickup on the southeast side of Beacon Street near Smith Avenue.**

Two applicants appeared from Crown Castel and explained that the requested additional nodes are needed for increased service capacity. Verizon is trying to satisfy their customers by maintaining a certain level of coverage and capacity.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**198434: Submitted by Crown Castle to install 1,533 feet of fiber optic cable in new conduit from Pole 142/29 at Kent Street proceeding northwest to Prentiss Street, then along Prentiss Street to Pole 161/2.**

Two applicants appeared from Crown Castel and explained that the requested additional nodes are needed for increased service capacity. Verizon is trying to satisfy their customers by maintaining a certain level of coverage and capacity.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**198435: Submitted by Crown Castle to install optical repeater equipment, a pole-top antenna, and fiber optic cable from existing facilities to an existing wood utility pole at 181-183 Tremont Street.**

Two applicants appeared from Crown Castel and explained that the requested additional nodes are needed for increased service capacity. Verizon is trying to satisfy their customers by maintaining a certain level of coverage and capacity.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**198436: Submitted by Crown Castle to install optical repeater equipment, a pole-top antenna, and fiber optic cable from existing facilities to an existing wood utility pole at 281 Beacon Street.**

Two applicants appeared from Crown Castel and explained that the requested additional nodes are needed for increased service capacity. Verizon is trying to satisfy their customers by maintaining a certain level of coverage and capacity.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**198437: Submitted by Crown Castle to install optical repeater equipment, a pole-top antenna, and fiber optic cable from existing facilities to an existing wood utility pole at the corner of Beacon and Park Streets.**

Two applicants appeared from Crown Castel and explained that the requested additional nodes are needed for increased service capacity. Verizon is trying to satisfy their customers by maintaining a certain level of coverage and capacity.

**RESULT:**

**APPROVED**

**198453: Public Event Permit, Somerville Birdhouse Project, Union Square, Apr 25, 8:30AM-5PM (raindate May 2).**

Mr. Long reported that a request for more information was sent to the petitioner. The item was approved with the condition that the Arts Council ensures that the area is monitored on a regular and consistent basis for cleanliness and appearance.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS</b>
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**198457: New Garage License, Top Car Auto Repair, 497 Columbia St., 8 autos inside, 2 outside.**

The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM -6:00 PM, with 2 mechanics. There will be 8 cars on the premises.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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**198459: New Mobile Food Vendor, Pennypackers.**

The committee wants to make sure the property owner is fine with the food truck being onsite, especially if there will be a second truck. Additionally, the committee would like written approval from the property owner sent to the City Clerk before the next Board of Aldermen's meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**198460: New Mobile Food Vendor, Rhythm n Wraps.**

The committee would like a letter from the owner of the property along with a schedule for the truck. This applicant will also name the property owner on the certificate of insurance.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>KEPT IN COMMITTEE</b>
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**22. Alewife Automotive - review** Placed on file.

**198534: New Used Car Dealer Class 2 License, Alewife Automotive, 395 Alewife Brook Pkwy., 0 autos in, 18 autos out.**

Chairman Sullivan motioned to reduce the garage license from 29 to 28. Additionally the used car license was reduced to 1 with no sales on the lot. This is a conditional approval with the applicant coming back in 3 months.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED</b>
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