



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

December 2, 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, Alderman Tony Lafuente, Alderman Matt McLaughlin, John Long - City Clerk, Rositha Durham - Clerk of Committees

The meeting took place in the Committee Room and was called to order at 6:00 PM by Alderman Sullivan and adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Document List:

- Letter re; Webster Auto (with 200408)
- Letter re: PJ's Motorcars (with 200407)
- Document re: PJ's Motorcars (with 200407)
- Map re: PJ's Motorcars (with 200407)

Approval of the October 6, 2015 Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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Approval of the October 21, 2015 Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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PUBLIC HEARING re: #200009 - Speedway Attorney Adam Dash, representing Speedway, appeared before the committee and asked that the application be withdrawn without prejudice.

PUBLIC HEARING re: #200175 - Sullivan Tire Attorney Adam Dash, representing Sullivan Tire, appeared with Geraldo Delimp. Alderman Heuston commented that landscaping improvements would be welcome and she also questioned the size of the signage. The

property owner said there is existing signage there now that would probably be replaced. The committee was told that the business has corporate and local fundraising activities and that it would recruit employees locally.

PUBLIC HEARING re: #200408 - Webster Auto Sales Mr. Long read an email from Jonathan Gillen requesting that no licenses or permits be granted to the owners of 61 Prospect Street. Alderman Heuston commented that this area has always been a troubled spot and that ISD should consider the feedback from one of the neighbors in their review of the property.

PUBLIC HEARING re: #200407 - PJ's Motorcars Peter Piartidosi, from PJ's Motorcars, appeared before the committee. Mr. Long read an email, (from a person who was not able to attend tonight's public hearing), about this business violating the law. Pictures were also shared showing cars parked on the bike lane. The business owner distributed a layout of the property. Resident Paul Driscoll spoke about the lack of a clear pathway last winter as the business had not shoveled or cleared ice from its sidewalk. Alderman McLaughlin said there were cars on the sidewalk. Alderman Heuston pointed out that it's hard to tell the difference between what is considered the business's property on the map the owner distributed to the committee, as there is no indication of where the property line ends. Alderman Connolly suggested marking where the private property ends and what is considered public property. Alderman Ballantyne noted that the owner had been in violation of the conditions of his permit for a while with more than four cars on the lot. Chairman Sullivan reported that there is a senior center, a library and a school very close to the property and feels that there is a safety concern for the community, therefore he cannot support increasing the number of vehicles to 6.

Alderman Heuston's motion, that the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect the property at 161 Broadway to ascertain the number of vehicles that should be allowed outside this establishment so as to not impede on public safety, was approved.

The business owner stated that he feels the neighborhood has changed and that he wants to change with it and he welcomes the support and feedback from the Ward 1 Alderman to help with making changes. The petitioner withdrew his application without prejudice.

199223: Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 381 Washington St.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199224: Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 387 Washington St.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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199225: Renewing Garage License, Dewire Family Trust, 147 Beacon St.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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200009: New Extended Operating Hours License, Speedway, 709 McGrath Hwy, Operating 24/7.

The application was withdrawn by the petitioner.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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200175: New Garage License, Sullivan Tire, 263 Beacon St, mechanical repairs, 6 autos inside, 4 outside, M-F 7AM-7PM, Sa 7AM-5:30PM, Su Closed.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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200370: Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, CM Auto Sales, 30 Joy St.

The applicant appeared and discussed the Lemon Law with the committee. It was determined that the applicant is now in compliance.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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200407: Amending Used Car Dealers License Class 2, PJ's Motorcars, 161 Broadway, increasing cars outside to 6, adding hours Sun 10AM-4PM.

The application was withdrawn by the petitioner.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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200408: New Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Webster Auto Sales, 61 Prospect St., 0 cars in, 22 out, Mon-Fri 9AM-7PM, Sat 9AM-3PM.

Alderman Heuston's motion, *that the Supervisor of Inspectional Services inspect the business at 61 Prospect Street to ensure that the proper number of vehicles are on the lot*, was approved.

Alderman Connolly requested that the police be dispatched in response to all 311 calls complaining about this business blocking the sidewalk. The committee will reserve its decision on this item until it is determined that there is adequate space on the lot for the vehicles.

Alderman Connolly's motion, *that the Director of Traffic and Parking report any violations pertaining to the business at 61 Prospect Street to the committee*, was approved.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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200414: MA Office of Consumer Affairs submitting Lemon Law Sticker Audit results for CM Auto Sales, 30 Joy St.

The business owner appeared and discussed the Lemon Law with the committee. It was determined that the applicant is now in compliance.

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
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200415: MA Office of Consumer Affairs submitting Lemon Law Sticker Audit results for American Auto Gallery, 682 Mystic Ave.

The named business has not yet submitted its application.

RESULT:	KEPT IN COMMITTEE
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