



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS CLERK OF COMMITTEES

May 18, 2016

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 Matt McLaughlin, Michael Glavin - OSPCD, John Long - City Clerk, Charles Sillari - Clerk of Committees

The meeting took place in the Committee Room and was called to order at 6:30 PM by Alderman Sullivan and adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Document List:

- 161 Broadway (with 200454 and 201143)

Approval of the March 16, 2016 Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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Public Hearing: 200993 - BBC Auto Repair The applicant spoke about his prior experience.

Public Hearing: 201213 - Clover Fast Food The applicant spoke about his operation as a vegetarian fast food provider for all demographics. He would like to operate on College Avenue at the Tufts campus, on Holland Street (across from Johnny D's) and in Union Square outside of the Independent.

Public Hearing: 201292 - Autobody Squad (45 Webster Ave) The applicant discussed his business experience and said that he only does auto body work. A neighbors expressed concern about the spray booth and environmental safety as well as parking issues.

Public Hearing: 201293 - Autobody Squad (47 Webster Ave) The applicant explained why he is seeking to use the lot at 47 Webster Avenue and said he uses state-of-the-art technology and the safest paint available. The Fire Department has inspected and approved the site. A neighbor expressed concern about the business's impact on nearby local gardens

Public Hearing: 201294 - PJ's Motor Cars Attorney Ann Vigorito spoke on behalf of the applicant and explained that only the corporate name is changing.

Public Hearing: 201457 - Barnes and Walsh Co. The current owner has worked at this location for 30 years, however, due to declining health issues, he would like to rent the space. The applicant spoke about his background in the business and explained why he wants to take over the space. Resident Andrew Silva stated that most neighbors are against the item but some, including himself, are not opposed to it.

200454: That the Supervisor of Inspectional Services ascertain the appropriate number of vehicles to be stored on the lot at 161 Broadway so as not to impair public safety.

Mr. Long told the committee that complaints were received regarding this business. The owner, Mr. Piantedosi, explained that he uses his bobcat to clean the sidewalk for the neighborhood. Attorney Ann Vigorito explained the history of the building and Mr. Piantedosi discussed challenges with the building and said that development of the property could happen someday. He is concerned about parking, saying that it has become difficult over the years. He also stated that he would like to relocate the entrance to the building. The property owner said the building has been used for 100 years and that 100 people were notified of the hearing tonight and nobody showed up.

Alderman McLaughlin is concerned about the aesthetics and public safety and Alderman Heuston explained how neighbors are also concerned about aesthetics and suggested a landscape buffer to differentiate city land from private land. Chairman Sullivan suggested that Mr. Piantedosi work with the aldermen to conform to the city regulations. Alderman Heuston feels that the size of the curb cut is too large and she would like to see planters installed to create a buffer. Alderman Connolly suggested that a neighborhood meeting be held and that renderings be provided.

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
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200993: New Garage License, BBC Auto Repair, 42 Joy St, 8 autos inside, 0 outside.

Alderman Heuston has no objection to this item as long as the parking conditions are adhered to.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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201143: That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Chief of Police regularly inspect 161 Broadway for double parked vehicles and other traffic violations.

See 200454

RESULT:	WORK COMPLETED
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201213: New Mobile Food Vendor, Clover Fast Food, operating at the Tufts campus Mon-

Wed 4-8PM, Davis Sq Thu-Fri 4-10PM, and Union Sq Sat 4-10PM.

Alderman Connolly expressed concern for the local brick-and-mortar businesses and suggested a limited license for a shorter period, possibly conditional for 30 to 60 days. Alderman Heuston stated that the late owner of the Independent was not opposed to it. Chairman Sullivan would like to wait to hear from the Ward 6 Aldermen. The item was approved pending approval by the Board of Aldermen.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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201292: New Garage License, Autobody Squad, 45 Webster Ave, Mechanical repairs, autobody work, spray painting, washing vehicles, storing vehicles, 6 autos inside, 2 outside.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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201293: New Garage License, Autobody Squad, 47 Webster Ave, Autobody work, washing vehicles and storing vehicles, 8 autos inside, 3 outside.

Alderman Heuston asked if the applicant is currently operating at the site and the applicant replied that he has been there since September. Alderman Heuston doesn't want to approve the item because the property is currently a mess and she's against these types of businesses. She also cited other reasons for her opposition. The applicant withdrew his application after being urged to do so by Chairman Sullivan. Alderman Heuston pointed out that the applicant may not operate his business at that location.

RESULT:	WITHDRAWN
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201294: New Garage License, Broadway Motorcars, 161 Broadway, vehicle storage, mechanical repairs, washing vehicles for 33 autos inside.

Alderman McLaughlin asked if everything is staying the same with respect to parking, adding that he feels there are too many vehicles at this location. He also would like to not have display vehicles outside.

RESULT:	APPROVED
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201373: New Hawker Peddler License, Francisca Morales dba Chiki Galvez.

The applicant wants to sell beverages and snacks at soccer games. Mr. Long stated the hours requested are Sundays from 8 AM to 8 PM but noted that a hawker/peddler license is open ended. Alderman Connolly asked if the concession would be operating on Saturdays and whether there was community support for the service. Mr. Long explained that the applicant was approved before. Alderman McLaughlin expressed concern about litter.

RESULT:

APPROVED

201446: Traffic and Parking Director submitting responses to various Board Orders submitted 4/14/16.

RESULT:

WORK COMPLETED

201457: New Garage License, Paul Carneiro dba Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Ave, autobody work and spray painting, 10 cars inside, 5 outside.

Alderman Heuston stated that this business has been a good neighbor for years and that the applicant is also playing by the rules. It is a small, contained business and she asked if the applicant would be amenable to reducing the amount of stored cars outside from 5 to 4. The applicant agreed to the reduction.

RESULT:

APPROVED AS AMENDED
