

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION
MINUTES

MEETING PLACE: Commission Meeting Room – Conference Room 9-B

MEETING DATE: February 14, 2019 8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Scribner, Commissioner, Liquor Control Commission

STAFF PRESENT: John Suchy, Director, Liquor Control
Caitlin Anderson, Staff Attorney and Designated Signatory
Richard Mindek, Licensing and Applications Analyst
Mary Riddick, Secretary 2

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Commission approves the minutes of February 7, 2019.

PROVISIONALS:

1. JOHNSON, NILS A. – LMB.1556

Little Red Barn Brewers, Winsted, CT

The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of \$500.00 fee and 8x10 photo of the exterior taken from a position directly across the street or highway showing trade name sign.

2. **RAGAINI, RAYMOND – LCA.8108** Big Jim’s Gallery, Stratford, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of 8x10 photo of the exterior taken from a position directly across the street or highway showing trade name sign and 8x10 photos of completed and fully furnished interior.
The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit.
3. **MCGRATH, PATRICK D. – LCA.8113** Brewett City, Jewett City, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of bill of sale. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit. Endorse patio.
4. **LUTHER, JOHN W., III – LIR.20082** Bruxelles, Norwalk, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional liquor permit upon receipt \$500.00 fee, 8x10 photo of the exterior taken from a position directly across the street or highway showing trade name sign and 8x10 photos of completed and fully furnished interior. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit.

FINALS:

5. **REID, FULTON – LCT.634** Sunshine Cuisine, Stamford, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit. No requirements.
6. **PAUL, JOHN – LSB.1018** Lone Pine Brewing Company, Portland, ME
The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit.
7. **WAGNER CLARK, JENNIFER L. – LSW.1358** Emmolo River Ranch, LLC, Fairfield, CA
The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit.
8. **CHEN, STEAVEN – LSL.1834** CNS Enterprises, Inc., Pico Rivera, CA
The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit.
9. **RODRIGUEZ, DILCIA M. – LRW.5455** Mi Sabor, Hartford, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit upon receipt of publication notice. The Commission approves request waiving the separate toilet facilities requirement.
10. **PIMENTEL PENA, WELLINGTON A. – LGB.15395.P-CW** Four Corners Market, Hartford, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit. No requirements.

11. PATEL, JAYANT – LIP.15675.P-CW

Two Brothers Wine & Spirit Shop, Colchester, CT

The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit. No requirements.

12. KOHN, CHARLES P., JR. – LIR.19866.P-CW

Rockledge Grill, West Hartford, CT

The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit. No requirements. The Commission reviews and approves letter from Mr. Charles Kohn, Jr., requesting waiver of the effective separation requirement. Applicant states that the premises is known primarily for its food with alcoholic beverages as more of a complement, that the clientele is more of a mature age, no live entertainment is advertised, and its menu is designed more for an older clientele. The request is consistent with the department guidelines. Endorse additional consumer bars (2), patio, extension of use and waiver effective separation requirement.

13. CHEN, JOHN – LIR.19872

Feng, Hartford, CT

The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit. No requirements.

14. SIRAVO, ROBERT W. – LIR.19920.P-CW

Mr. Z's Pipasa, Plainfield, CT

The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit. No requirements. Endorse patio.

15. BALLARO, JOSEPH A. – LIR.19960.P-CW

Fussy Coffee, New Haven, CT

The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit upon receipt of 8x10 photos of lockable storage area, labeled restrooms, patio area and 8x10 photo of the exterior taken from a position directly across the street or highway showing trade name sign. Endorse service bar only and patio.

16. SEVERINO, ROBERT – LIR.20034

Blue Horse, West Haven, CT

The Commission approves the issuance of the final permit upon receipt of CT sales and use tax certificate.

SUBSTITUTE PERMITTEES:

17. PEKALA, JAMES – LCC.50

Ovations Food Services – XL Center, Hartford, CT

The Commission approves the transfer of interest and corporate structure change in which Atairos Spectra Holdco, LLC assumed 57.5% interest in Spectra Holdco, LLC. This transfer occurred within the upper corporate structure of the parent company Comcast Corporation, a publicly traded company. The structure change results in the ownership of the backer of Ovations Food Services, L.P. to be Spectra US, LLC and Ovations Food Services, LLC. The Commission notes the change in officers, Brian Rothenberg-President/Secretary and James Pekala-Vice President/Treasurer. The Commission approves James Pekala as substitute permittee.

18. PEKALA, JAMES – LCC.51

Ovations Food Services – Rentschler Field, East Hartford, CT
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19. PEKALA, JAMES – LCMC.56 Ovations Food Services – XL Center, Hartford, CT
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20. PEKALA, JAMES – LCM.57

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OTHER:

21. COELHO, NILTON – LIT.1905.P-CW Banana Brasil Grill, Waterbury, CT
The Commission approves the request to extend provisional permit.

22. HUGHES-NELSON, KATHLEEN – LRW.5441.P Perk On Main, Middletown, CT
The Commission approves the request to extend provisional permit.

23. CHENG, SUNNY – LRW.5444.P Otaru Sushi Bar, New Haven, CT
The Commission approves the request to extend provisional permit.

24. NUNEZ, LEONARDO A. – LGB.15400.P-CW

El Colmado Grocery 2, Waterbury, CT

The Commission approves the request to extend provisional permit.

25. SENGER, CLAYTON – LIR.17870

Pattaconk 1850, Chester, CT

The Commission approves the request of extension of use for February 17, 2019.

26. ACANFORA, JOHN A. – LIR.20059.P-CW

Sam the Clam Pub and Restaurant, Plantsville, CT

The Commission reviews and approves request waiving the effective separation requirement, based upon the representation that it has been operating for more than 25 years and is known as a dining location specializing in seafood, that any change might compromise the load bearing walls, its clientele is older, no live entertainment, and premises closes around 10pm most nights. The Commission finds that this request is consistent with department guidelines. Endorse permit with waiver of effective separation requirement.

At 12:27p.m., the meeting reconvened. Legal Director Avallone met with Liquor Commissioner Scribner and designated Chairman signatory Staff Attorney Anderson for the following application:

27. LAKE, DENNIS – LIR.20085

La Taqueria, Greenwich, CT

The Commission approves the issuance of a provisional permit once in receipt of the 8x10 photos of the completed and fully furnished entire interior and 8x10 photos of the exterior of the premises taken from a position directly across the street or highway showing the trade name sign. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while operating with a provisional permit.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Suchy, Director, Liquor Control Division
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