

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION
LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION
MINUTES

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

MEETING DATE: March 5, 2020 8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Cahill, Commissioner, Liquor Control Commission

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: NONE

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Commission approves the minutes of February 20, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

PROVISIONALS:

1. **LOMBARDI, ANDREA – LIT.1933** Dolce Italian Café, New Canaan, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit. No requirements. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit. Endorse patio.
2. **PATEL, JIGNESH N. – LIH.1936-C** Manchester Homewood Suites, Manchester, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon return and cancelation of permit # LIH.1922, bill of sale, seller's affidavit, and executed copy of lease or right to occupy with the correct premises location address. Additional requirements: Provisional Permit form. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit. Endorse patio.
3. **WOLDEYOHANNES, MENASIE – LRW.5558** Abyssinian Restaurant, Middletown, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of \$500.00 fee.
4. **KASSOUF, MICHEL – LRW.5575** Hannas Middle Eastern, Danbury, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of \$500.00 fee, return and cancelation of permit # LRW.3292, and seller's affidavit. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit. Endorse service bar.
5. **GOODALE, GEORGETTE D. – LCA.8241** Marlborough Country Bakery & Deli, Marlborough, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of \$450.00 fee, copy of CT sales and use tax permit with the correct premises location address, 8x10 photo of the exterior taken from a position directly across the street or highway showing trade name sign, and 8x10 photos of the completed and fully furnished interior.
6. **CUMMINGS, ROBIN – LCA.8242** Pleasant Moments, Bridgeport, CT
No action taken. Assigned to agent.
7. **HAIDER, SYED M. – LGB.15510** H&H Family Mart 2, New London, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of \$500.00 fee, bill of sale, executed copy of lease or right to occupy in the name of the Backer entity LLC, and copy of CT sales and use tax permit. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit.

8. **NICHANI, GEETA – LIP.15781** Hilltop Beverages, Orange, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of \$500.00 fee, copy of CT sales and use tax permit, 8x10 photo of the exterior taken from a position directly across the street or highway showing trade name sign, and 8x10 photos of the completed and fully furnished interior. Additional requirements: Certificate of Occupancy. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit. Note: Business must be open to the public within 60 days of provisional permit approval.
9. **BUTLER, MATHEW – LIR.20301** The Hook & Ladder, North Haven, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon return and cancelation of permit # LIH.1856-B, bill of sale, seller's affidavit, and copy of CT sales and use tax permit. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit. Endorse additional consumer bar (1).
10. **BRADY, DEREK S. – LIR.20326** Rivals End, Hartford, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit.
11. **COX, CARL L., JR. – LIR.20348** Cedar Knob Restaurant, Somers, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of \$400.00 fee, cancelation of permit # LIR.18556, and seller's affidavit. The Commission approves request of beverage cart for liquor. Endorse outdoor patio.
12. **SCHEINTHAL, STEVEN L. – LIR.20350** J Gilbert's Wood-Fired Steaks, Glastonbury, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon return and cancelation of permit # LIR.14011, bill of sale, and executed copy of lease or right to occupy. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit.
13. **CUNNINGHAM, CAMERON J. – LIR.20351** Grey Area Tavern, New Hartford, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of copy of CT sales and use tax permit. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit.
14. **GIRESI, TINO M. – LIR.20352** Café Eats, Stamford, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of \$500.00 fee, abandonment affidavit, and copy of CT sales and use tax permit with the correct premises location address. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit.

15. **HESLIN, ANTHONY P. – LIR.20354** Notch8, Bethel, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon return and cancelation of permit # LCA. 8216. Additional requirement: Ok to transfer \$2050 from LCA.8216 to LIR.20354. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit. Endorse outdoor patio.
16. **RAGAINI, RAYMOND P. – LIR.20355** Founders House, Milford, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon receipt of copy of CT sales and use tax permit, 8x10 photo of the exterior taken from a position directly across the street or highway showing trade name sign, and 8x10 photos of the completed and fully furnished interior. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit.
17. **REID EVERETT G., III – LIR.20359** Hot French Chix, Chester, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional permit upon return and cancelation of permit # LRW.5551. Additional requirements: Ok to transfer \$1200 from LRW.5551 to LIR.20359. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while the premises operates with a provisional liquor permit.

FINALS:

18. **LYNCH, KERMIT – LOR.24** Kermit Lynch Wine Merchant, Berkeley, CA
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements.
19. **CORNISH, RODERICK M. – LFR.55.P-CW** 1784 Restaurant, New London, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements. Endorse patio and interior access.
20. **TILLEM, CHARLES – LCM.66.P-CW** Dillon Stadium, Hartford, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements. Endorse additional consumer bars (3) and extension of use.
21. **HOENING, DONALD J., II – LCM.68** Thompson International Speedway, Thompson, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements.
22. **CHICONE, ROBERT H., JR. – LMP.96** Dockside, Milford, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit upon receipt of final Health Department approval, 8x10 photo of the exterior taken from a position directly across the street or highway showing trade name sign, and 8x10 photos of the completed and fully furnished interior including barroom. Endorse additional consumer bar (1) and extension of use.

23. ROSE, JONATHAN D. – LFW.97.P

Rose Vineyards and Winery, North Branford, CT

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

24. BACELLI, KELMEND – LTR.274

Kel & Jon Trucking LLC, Edgewater, NJ

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

25. SPENCER, CHRISTOPHER – LRC.308.P-CW

Suffield by the River, Suffield, CT

The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements. Endorse service bar only and interior access.

26. WARD, KENYATTA M. – LCT.694

Lunchin Wit Yatta, Bloomfield, CT

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

27. BROWN, CHARLES P. – LCT.695

Chartwells-Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, CT

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

28. ALBERTS, RAYMOND J., JR. – LCT.697

These Guys Brewing Co., Norwich, CT

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

29. SANTOS, CARLOS A. – LIW.731

Iberian Wolf Imports, Naugatuck, CT

The Commission approves the issuance of final permit upon receipt of 8x10 photo of the exterior taken from a position directly across the street or highway showing trade name sign. Endorse interior access.

30. DAVE, GT – LSB.1051

GT's Living Foods LLC, Vernon, CA

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

31. DADY, DON J. – LSW.1436

Summit Vineyards Estate, LLC, Napa, CA

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

32. EIDSON, WESTON – LSW.1445

Montagu Wines, Napa, CA

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

33. MAZAR, JAKE – LSW.1446

Artifact Cider Project, Florence, MA

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

34. KING, STEPHEN – LSL.1914

Ironclad Distillery, Newport News, VA

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

35. **CAUDRY, SUSAN – LSL.1917** Domaine Chandon, Inc., Yountville, CA
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements.
36. **AZAR, RICHARD N., III - LSL.1918** Azar Distilling LLC, San Antonio, TX
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements.
37. **VACCARO, SCOTT – LSL.1919** Current Spirits Distilling, Elmsford, NY
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements.
38. **GORDON, LAURA P. – LSL.1920** Vicente Gandia USA Inc., Miami, FL
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements.
39. **STARKEY, BILLY – LSL.1921** Palladion Signature Import Limited, Elkton, VA
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements.
40. **TAYLOR, RYAN S. – LIT.1930** The Coffee Pedaler, New Haven, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. The Commission approves waiver of separate restroom facilities. Endorse no bar and outdoor patio.
41. **HAN, LONG – LRW.5538.P-CW** Mangetsu Restaurant, Farmington, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. The Commission approves waiver of separate restroom facilities. Endorse service bar and waiver of separate restroom facilities.
42. **DJALI, KIKI – LRW.5552.P** Lemongrass Asian Grill, Burlington, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements. Endorse no bar.
43. **CHEN, CUIYUE – LRW.5555.P-CW** Tokyo Sushi, Southington, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements. Endorse no bar.
44. **GJERGJAJ, VALDETE – LRW.5559** Nanas Byrek, Waterford, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements. Endorse service bar only.
45. **RAGAINI, RAYMOND P. - LCA.8132.P-CW** Infinity Hall Hartford, Hartford, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements. Endorse additional consumer bar (1) and outdoor patio.
46. **MOULD, PETER – LCA.8164.P-CW** The Cellar at Treadwell, Hamden, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements. Endorse outdoor patio and interior access.

47. **OLLOQUI, LUIS F. – LCA.8195.P-CW** Cinopolis, West Hartford, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements. Endorse interior access.
48. **PHOUMINDR, HATLASITH – LCA.8210.P-CW** T Quinn Cuisine, Pawcatuck, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements.
49. **MORALES, JOSE M. – LCA.8222.P** Excalibur, Baltic, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements. Endorse outdoor patio.
50. **MCCALISTER, CRAIG W. – LCA.8223.P-CW** 33GC, New London, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements.
51. **LAMAS, JOCE C. – LCA.8232** Place “2” “B”, Ansonia, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. The permit may be issued after March 11, 2020. No requirements.
52. **AYAZ, MOHAMMAD – LGB.15472.P-CW** Harveys Market, West Hartford, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements.
53. **JAIRAM BELKIS – LGB.15476** Belkis Market, Bridgeport, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements.
54. **PATEL, MUKESHKUMAR A. – LIP.15725.P-CW** Rock Wine & Liquor, Bristol, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements.
55. **PATEL, KASHMIRA N. – LIP.15770** Super Wines & Liquors, Cheshire, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements.
56. **RAGAINI, RAYMOND P. – LIR.20111.P-CW** Infinity Hall Norfolk, Norfolk, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements. Endorse additional consumer bars (2) and outdoor patio.
57. **MARTINEZ, LUIS – LIR.20223.P-CW** La Diferencia, Bethel, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements.
58. **GOUNDER, SUTHAN – LIR.20238.P** Adyar Ananda Bhavan, Stamford, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. This permit is for 6 months only. No requirements. Endorse service bar only.
59. **RAGAINI, RAYMOND P. – LIR.20257.P-CW** Tavern on Point, Milford, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements.

60. **LEROUX, CHARLES E. - LIR.20298** Pho Thai, New Haven, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit. No requirements.
61. **LIRA, VICTORIA L. – LIR.20337.P-CW** Riviera Maya, Stamford, CT
The Commission approves the issuance of final permit upon receipt of publication notice. The permit may be issued after April 2, 2020. Endorse outdoor patio, interior access, off-site storage, and effective separation waiver.

TRANSFER OF INTEREST:

62. **ALBERTS, RAYMOND J., JR. – LMP.27** These Guys Brewing Co., Norwich, CT
The Commission approves Rebecca Alberts acquiring 45% ownership interest, Raymond Alberts acquiring 45% ownership interest and Scott Camassar acquiring 9.99% ownership interest.
63. **HORRIGAN, CONOR S. – LMP.37** Half Full Brewery, Stamford, CT
The Commission approves members of the Half Full Brewery LLC acquiring 99.43% ownership interest, James William Hobson and Elizebeth O’Shea Hobson acquiring .34% ownership interest, and Arthur Linares (Linares Land Capital LLC) acquiring .23% ownership interest.
64. **LIU, TONY S. – LRW.3073** Higashi Japanese Restaurant, South Windsor, CT
The Commission approves Tony Shao Ming Liu acquiring 30% ownership interest, Jing Ming Lin acquiring 25% ownership interest, Junxi Wan acquiring 20% ownership interest, and Cai Yue Dian acquiring 25% ownership interest.
65. **FAY, CHRISTINE A. – LCA.5231** Burns Tavern, Stamford, CT
The Commission approves Grainne M. Smith-Carrol acquiring 100% ownership interest. The Commission also approves Grainne M. Smith-Carrol as substitute permittee.
66. **DION, PETER – LRW.5534** Sabaidee Thai Restaurant, Bristol, CT
The Commission approves Zachary Marks acquiring 50% ownership interest and Airada Tharapis Marks acquiring 50% ownership interest.
67. **MILLER, SARA J. – LCA.5804** American Eagle Saloon & Café, Willington, CT
The Commission approves Sara J. Miller acquiring 100% ownership interest.
68. **RUSSO, SCOTT W. – LCA.6106** Bidwell Tavern, Coventry, CT
The Commission approves Scott W. Russo acquiring 90% ownership interest and Jonathan Russo acquiring 10% ownership interest.

69. MASTRONARDI, DONALD M. – LIR.19864

Dry Dock At SGC, Norwalk, CT

The Commission approves Donald M. Mastronardi acquiring 100% ownership interest.

70. HOKIN, RICHARD N – LIP.13034

Glen Liquors Inc., Darien, CT

The Commission approves Richard N Hopkins retaining 81.54% ownership interest and Lauren N. Hopkins acquiring 18.46% ownership interest.

SUBSTITUTE PERMITTEES:

71. FONTAINE, RONALD G. – LPC.238

Milford Elks Lodge #159 Inc., Milford, CT

The Commission approves Ronald Gerard Fontaine as substitute permittee.

72. RAGAINI, RAYMOND P. – LCT.308

Vinny's Backyard, Stamford, CT

The Commission approves Raymond P. Ragaini as substitute permittee.

73. DWYER, BRIAN – LIC.1879

Watertown Golf Club Inc., Watertown, CT

The Commission approves Brian Dwyer as substitute permittee.

74. DRAKE, DANIELLE A. – LIC.1990

Middletown Yacht Club, Chester, CT

The Commission approves Danielle Ann Drake as substitute permittee.

75. FARAONE, IRENE G. – LRW.3198

Pizzarama Drive-In, New London, CT

The Commission approves Irene G. Faraone as substitute permittee.

76. ARIAS, LUIS – LCA.7843

VZ Sports Bar & Restaurant, Norwalk, CT

The Commission approves Luis Arias as substitute permittee.

77. BRIERS, JOHN V., III – LIC.1801

Svea Social Club, Inc., Berlin, CT

The Commission approves John Victor Briers, III as substitute permittee.

78. RAGAINI, RAYMOND P. – LIR.16682

Vinny's Backyard, Stamford, CT

The Commission approves Raymond P. Ragaini as substitute permittee.

79. CHOWDHURY, SAIFUR – LIR.17593.P

Mona Lisa Restaurant of Wolcott, Wolcott, CT

The Commission approves Saifur Chowdhury as substitute permittee.

80. BORIA, SHARON – LIR.18983

Humacao Restaurant & Lounge LLC, East Hartford, CT

The Commission approves Sharon Boria as substitute permittee.

81. JONES, ROBERT Q., JR. – LIR.19188

Buffalo Wild Wings, Waterford, CT

The Commission approves Robert Quince Jones, Jr. as substitute permittee.

82. MASTRONARDI, DONALD M. – LIR.19416

Dry Dock Bar & Grille, Norwalk, CT

The Commission approves Donald M. Mastronardi as substitute permittee.

83. KHADKA, HEMANTA K. – LIR.19986

Taste of India, Windsor, CT

The Commission approves Hemanta Kumar Khadka as substitute permittee.

OTHER:

84. AMERICAN AIRLINES INC. – LIA.34

Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, CT

The Commission accepts notification that Robert Bruce Wark as Vice President and Deputy General Counsel.

85. DENEGRIS, DEAN M. – LPC.291.P.CW

Props, Branford, CT

The Commission approves the request to extend provisional permit.

86. CHAMBERLAN, CHERISE L. – LML.505

Diageo, Stamford, CT

The Commission approves request of final removal to 200 Elm St, 2nd Floor, Stamford, CT. No requirements.

87. BROOKS, DALE J. – LIC.2042

Tadeusz Kosciuszko Society, Rockfall, CT

The Commission approves request of additional consumer bar (1). Endorse additional consumer bar (1).

88. SEFERI, EDUARD – LRW.5379

Vinny's Pizza & Italian Restaurant, Torrington, CT

The Commission approves request of final removal to 245 East Elm St., Torrington, CT, upon receipt of publication notice. The permit may be issued after April 14, 2020. Endorse service bar only, outdoor patio and interior access.

89. HICKEY, CHRISTOPHER L. – LCA.7440

The Spread, Norwalk, CT

The Commission approves request to move on stipulation due to hardship to 20 N. Water St, Norwalk.

90. ARBOLEDA, CEASAR A. – LCA.8085

Ibiza Restaurant, Hamden, CT

The Commission approves the request of extension of use. Endorse extension of use.

91. MOSS, CHARLES B. III – LCA.8153

Bow Tie Cinemas Majestic 6, Stamford, CT

The Commission approves the request for additional consumer bar (1) and extension of use. Endorse additional consumer bar and extension of use.

92. GENTIAN, MEROLLI – LCA.8218.P-CW

Café Devolli, Oakville, CT

The Commission approves the request to extend provisional permit.

93. **MOON, JOSEPH G. – LIR.19833** Joe's Filling Station, Cromwell, CT
The Commission approves the request for patio. Endorse patio.
94. **BROWN, PAUL – LIR.20231.P-CW** Grill II, Bridgeport, CT
The Commission approves the request to extend provisional permit.
95. **KARIPIDES, ELIZABETH – LIR.20232.P** Famous Greek Kitchen, Greenwich, CT
The Commission approves the request to extend provisional permit.
96. **MAZUR, ANDREW – LIR.20276** Polmart, New Britain, CT
The Commission approves the request of additional consumer bar (1) and extension of use for May 31, 2020 only. Endorse additional consumer bar (1) and extension of use.
97. **XIA, JIANGFENG – LIR.2029.P-CW** Peter Chang, Stamford, CT
The Commission approves the request to extend provisional permit.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Meeting Adjourned 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Suchy, Director Liquor Control Division
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