

Licenses & Franchises Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2022

The Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Kara Wilson called the roll.

Present: Councillors Katz, LaFauci, O'Brien and Vidal.

Absent: Bradley-MacArthur.

Councillor O'Brien moved approval of the 2/22/2022 minutes. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were approved.

James Krikeles, 19 Gorham Street, Waltham was recording the meeting.

First agenda item: Lodging house renewal at 240 Crescent Street – Torrington Three LLC
Councillor LaFauci moved approval. Matter was approved by a voice vote.

Second agenda item: Secondhand dealers license renewal at 108C River Street – Play it Again Sports.

Councillor LaFauci moved approval. Matter was approved by a voice vote.

Third agenda item: Secondhand dealers license renewal at 471 Main Street – The Tool Shed
Councillor Katz moved approval. Matter was approved by a voice vote.

Fourth agenda item: Class 2 license renewal at 196 High Street – JJJ Auto Retailers, Inc.
Councillor LaFauci moved approval. Matter was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Katz made a motion to take the East Quad lodging house renewal at Brandeis University off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote

Councillor Katz made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to hear from all off committee members. Mr. Creonte and Mr. Delfino, representing the City of Waltham Health Department explained what the Health Department looks for during a Health Department evaluation. They concentrate on common areas, bathrooms, laundry rooms, kitchens. They look for mice and mold siting's, dust in vents, ventilation systems, curtains. They only go into dorm rooms upon request. They do not test the water. Lois Stanley, Vice President of Campus Planning and Operations spoke on the matter and introduced all Brandeis members in attendance tonight. Lori Kabel, Director of Facility Services, Tim Touchette, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Andrew Finn, Manager of Environmental Health and Safety. Ms. Stanley noted there are close to 3000 students in their care and wants the best living standards they can provide for them. Councillor Katz spoke on the matter and referred to the editorial he read in the school's newspaper that sparked the interest of his need to find out what was going on throughout campus. Councillor Katz asked about mold, mice, water and what happens if an issue arises within a dorm room. Ms. Stanley noted that no one was living on campus from May 2000 thru August of 2021. We had a rainy summer leading up to students returning. Facilities did what they could once anything was reported to them. Water fountains and water systems were flushed until the proper readings were at appropriate levels. Mr. Finn had 35 test samples completed to assure the water was safe. They. Councillor Katz suggested the school distribute pamphlets to students on what to look for or how to avoid issues of mold mice and water damage. Brandeis noted they already have this information available to anyone on campus. Councillor Katz thanked them all for attending the meeting. Councillor LaFauci spoke on the matter noting HVAC, flooding and water systems in place. He also thanked them for the great job Brandeis does at shoveling and plowing sidewalks

on South Street and in vicinity. Councillor Katz moved approval of the lodging house renewal. The motion was approved by a voice vote and matter was approved.

With no further matters Councillor LaFauci moved to adjourn. Chairman Vidal declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Wilson, Assistant City Clerk
March 15, 2022