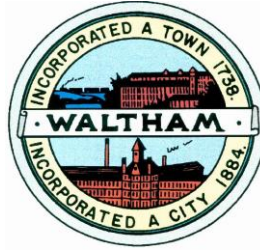


# *City of Waltham*



## **License and Franchise Committee December 19, 2016 Minutes of the meeting**

Chairman Rourke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Councillor Brasco, Councillor Giordano, Councillor O'Brien, Councillor Romard, and Chairman Rourke

Councillor Romard moved to accept the December 5, 2016 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

### **New Matters**

1. Grant of Location - NSTAR Electric DBA Eversource and Verizon  
11 Alder Street - Southerly side approximately 36 feet east of Moody Street  
Install one (1) new pole #4/1  
Remove one (1) pole #4/1

Councillor Brasco chaired the meeting. Ms. Maureen Carroll from Eversource was in attendance. Councillor Rourke asked about the different tenants that resided on the pole. Councillor Rourke asked about the relocation process. Councillor Rourke presented a proposed new order for this grant of location. Councillor Rourke moved approval of the proposed order. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

2. Lodging House Renewal – 6 Park Place

Chairman Rourke noted that this lodging house was in good standing. Councillor Brasco moved approval of this matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

3. Lodging House Renewal – 2 Appleton Street

Chairman Rourke noted that this lodging house was in good standing. Councillor Brasco moved approval of this matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

4. Lodging House Renewal – 17-19 Chestnut Street

Chairman Rourke noted that this lodging house was in good standing. Councillor Giordano moved approval of this matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

5. Lodging House Renewal – 12 Lowell Street

Chairman Rourke noted that this lodging house was in good standing. Councillor Giordano moved approval of this matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

6. Lodging House Renewal – 124 – 126 Ash Street

Chairman Rourke noted that this lodging house was in good standing. Councillor Brasco moved approval of this matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

7. Lodging House Renewal – 52 – 54 Bedford Street

Chairman Rourke noted that this lodging house was in good standing. Councillor Brasco moved approval of this matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

8. Lodging House Renewal – 94 Adams Street

Chairman Rourke noted that this lodging house was in good standing. Councillor Brasco moved approval of this matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

9. Lodging House Renewal – 49 -51 Brown Street

Chairman Rourke noted that this lodging house application was missing insurance information. Councillor Giordano moved to table this matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

10. Lodging House Renewal – 104 Adams Street

Chairman Rourke noted that this lodging house application was missing insurance information. Councillor Giordano moved to table this matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

11. Lodging House Renewal – 21 -23 Pine Street

Chairman Rourke noted that this lodging house was in good standing. Councillor Brasco moved approval of this matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

12. Lodging House Renewal – 755 Main Street

Chairman Rourke noted that this lodging house was in good standing. Councillor Brasco moved approval of this matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

13. Lodging House Renewal – 74 Adams Street

Chairman Rourke noted that this lodging house application was missing insurance information. Councillor Giordano moved to table this matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

14. Lodging House Renewal – 24-26 High Street

Chairman Rourke noted that this lodging house was in good standing. Councillor Brasco moved approval of this matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

15. Class 2 Dealers License Renewal – 825 Main Street - Don's Service Center

Chairman Rourke noted that this application was in good standing. Councillor Brasco moved approval of this matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

16. Extended Hours Renewal – J&T Shun Lai dba Asia Wok - 573 Main Street

Chairman Rourke noted that this application was in good order. Councillor Brasco moved approval of this matter. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Brasco moved to take the matter of Liquor Licenses from the table. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Brasco updated the committee regarding the option of leasing licenses. Councillor Brasco said he would like to see the proposed amended home rule petition dated December 5, 2016 be moved out of committee and sent to the full council for debate. Councillor Giordano suggested that the committee should focus on how many licenses are needed in the community, and not on how many additional licenses people want to see available. Councillor Giordano moved to hear from an off committee member. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Giordano asked License Commissioner Kevin Ritcey how many licenses are currently available. Commissioner Ritcey said there are none currently available. Mr. Nathan Segal from Tempo Restaurant told the committee that bringing in the big chain restaurants and bars are killing the small businesses in Waltham. Mr. Segal said that small business are already challenged by a shortage of parking and staffing. Councillor Giordano informed the committee that he is hearing that some current licenses will be coming available due to their businesses not doing well. Councillor Giordano said there is insufficient parking in the Moody Street area, and many businesses are having trouble finding employees as well. Councillor Giordano said adding an additional ten all alcohol licenses and ten beer and wine licenses is way too many.

Councillor Giordano made a motion to amend the proposed legislation to six and six. On the motion Councillor Brasco said we need more licenses to stay competitive as a City. Councillor O'Brien asked if a license request could be denied. Commissioner Ritcey said yes. Councillor Romard said the economy and growth support the need for an additional ten and ten.

A roll call vote was requested on reducing the licenses from ten and ten to six and six. Councillor Brasco – no, Councillor Giordano – yes, Councillor O'Brien – yes, Councillor Romard – no, Chairman Rourke – no. Motion did not carry (2-3).

Councillor Giordano made a motion to amend the proposed legislation to seven and seven. A roll call vote was requested on reducing the licenses from ten and ten to seven and seven. Councillor Brasco – no, Councillor Giordano – yes, Councillor O'Brien – yes, Councillor Romard – no, Chairman Rourke – no. Motion did not carry (2-3).

Councillor O'Brien made a motion to amend the proposed legislation to eight and eight. On the motion Councillor Brasco said that in the spirit of compromise he would support the amendment. A roll call vote was requested on reducing the licenses from ten and ten to eight and eight. Councillor Brasco – yes, Councillor Giordano – yes, Councillor O'Brien – yes, Councillor Romard – no, Motion was approved (3-1).

Councillor Brasco made a motion to send the amended home rule petition (eight additional all alcohol licenses and eight additional beer and wine license) to the full Council for approval. A roll call vote was requested. Councillor Brasco – yes, Councillor Giordano – no, Councillor O'Brien – yes, Councillor Romard – yes, Motion was approved (3-1).

Councillor Brasco informed the attendees that the final vote of the Council will take place next Tuesday December 27<sup>th</sup> at seven o'clock. Councillor Giordano encouraged attendees to come to the meeting and reach out to Councillors.

Councillor Romard made a motion to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Thomas J. Magno  
Clerk Pro Temp

