

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION**  
**LIQUOR CONTROL DIVISION**

**MINUTES**

MEETING PLACE: Commission Meeting Room – Room 124

MEETING DATE: January 22, 2015 – 8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Angelo J. Faenza, Liquor Control Commissioner  
Stephen R. Somma, Liquor Control Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Elisa Nahas, Legal Director  
John Suchy, Director of Liquor Control  
Caitlin Anderson, Staff Attorney  
Mary Ellen Gillon, Paralegal Specialist  
Richard Mindek, License and Applications Analyst  
Robin Densmore, Secretary 1

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

**HEARINGS – Mary Ellen Gillon:**

1. **TEPAN, PAUL F. - LCA.7536** La Torche, Norwalk, CT  
After compliance meeting, the Commission accepts an offer in compromise in lieu of hearing of days and \$1,000 for incidents of 11/10/13, 12/28/13, 8/9/14 and 9/13/14. 2014-965, 2014-856
2. **PEREZ, WANDA - LGB.14295** Joselito's Market, Torrington, CT  
The Commission takes no further action on incident of 5/3/14 due to unavailability of witness. 2014-519
3. **PEREZ, RICHARD - LIR.17295** TD Homers Sports Grill, Southington, CT  
After compliance meeting, the Commission would accept an offer in compromise in lieu of hearing of 3 days and \$750, of which 2 days and \$250 would be held in abeyance for 6 months, for incident of 8/23/14. 2014-874
4. **FOLTZ, DANA - LCA.7135** Richoni's Lounge, Groton, CT  
After compliance meeting, the Commission would accept an offer in compromise in lieu of hearing of 1 day and \$850 for incident of 9/5/14. 2014-895

5. **KEETON, BRUCE R. - LIR.14161** Viva Zapata, New Haven, CT  
After compliance meeting, the Commission would accept an offer in compromise in lieu of hearing of 6 days and \$1,800, of which 4 days and \$800 would be held in abeyance for 6 months, for incident of 9/20/14. 2014-947

PROVISIONAL PERMITS:

6. **HAYEK, MICHAEL EL - LCA.7693** The American Kitchen, New Milford, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional liquor permit upon receipt of stipulated agreement for provisional, \$500.00 fee, copy of CT sales and use tax permit, 8x10 photo of the exterior of the proposed premises, to be taken from a position directly across the street or highway, and 8x10 photos of the completed interior. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while operating with provisional permit.
7. **MCHUGH, KEVIN J. - LCA.7691** The Gray Goose, Southport, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional liquor permit upon receipt of stipulated agreement for provisional, \$500.00 fee, and cancel permit # LCA.7199. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while operating with provisional permit. Endorse patio.
8. **HINES, THEODORE R. - LIR.19186** Roosevelt's, New Haven, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional liquor permit upon receipt of stipulated agreement for provisional, copy of CT sales and use tax permit, and 8x10 photo of the exterior of the proposed premises, to be taken from a position directly across the street or highway. Endorse patio once in receipt of local Health Department approval. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while operating with provisional permit. Endorse patio.
9. **HERMAN, RONALD J. JR - LRW.5162** Wooster Hollow Diner & Deli, Ridgefield, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional liquor permit upon receipt of stipulated agreement for provisional, bill of sale, and executed copy of lease or right to occupy. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while operating with provisional permit. Endorse patio.
10. **SANFRANCESCO, CLAUDIO - LIR.19194** Sloppy Joe's Restaurant, Milford, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional liquor permit upon receipt of stipulated agreement for provisional, cancel permit # LIR.16404, bill of sale, seller's affidavit, copy of CT sales and use tax permit, and copy of equipment list. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while operating with provisional permit.

11. **RUSCONI, MATTHEW J. – LRB.1853** Wingstop, Hartford, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional liquor permit upon receipt of stipulated agreement for provisional, \$500.00 fee, abandonment affidavit, executed copy of lease or right to occupy in the name of the backer legal entity LLC, 8x10 photo of the exterior of the proposed premises, to be taken from a position directly across the street f highway, and 8x10 photos of the completed and furnished interior. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while operating with provisional permit. Endorse no bar.
12. **PATEL, BHAVIKABEN D. – LIP.15253** Saw Mill Package Store, West Haven, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional liquor permit upon receipt of stipulated agreement for provisional, \$500.00 fee, cancel permit # LIP.14782, bill of sale, seller's affidavit, copy of CT sales and use tax permit, copy of alien registration card for Bhavikaben Patel, and 8x10 photos of the interior to include cash register, coolers, and shelving. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while operating with provisional permit.
13. **GEORGE, JOBIN – LIP.15257** Heritage Discount Wine & Liquors, New Fairfield, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional liquor permit upon receipt of stipulated agreement for provisional, \$500.00 fee, cancel permit # LIP.14672, bill of sale, seller's affidavit, executed copy of lease or right to occupy assignment of the lease to the backer entity LLC, and copy of CT sales and use tax permit. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while operating with provisional permit.
14. **ZAIDI, SYED – LGB.15045** Sure Mart, Milford, CT  
The Commission takes no action at this time. File assigned to agent for investigation as it relates to whether it is a bona fide grocery store.
15. **YU, XIAO SHI – LGB.15050** Rocky's Deli, Seymour, CT  
The Commission takes no action at this time. File assigned to agent for investigation as it relates to whether the breakdown of sales form is accurate.
16. **BELMONTE, JUDITH A. – LIP.15238** Empire Wine & Liquor Superstore CT LLC, Waterbury, CT  
The Commission takes no action at this time. File assigned to agent for the purpose of examining the lease for the premises.
17. **FERRANTI, JENNIFER – LCA.7692** Nikki's Bar & Grill, Stratford, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional liquor permit upon receipt of stipulated agreement for provisional and \$500.00 fee. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while operating with provisional permit. Endorse patio.

18. **NINIVAGGI, ANTONIO – LIR.19190** Osianna, Fairfield, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional liquor permit upon receipt of stipulated agreement for provisional, cancel permit # LIR.17260, bill of sale, seller's affidavit, and copy of CT sales and use tax permit. Endorse patio once in receipt of local Health Department approval. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while operating with provisional permit. Endorse service bar only and patio.
19. **PATEL, DIVYA – LIR.19184** Paradise Restaurant, New Britain, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional liquor permit upon receipt of stipulated agreement for provisional, \$500.00 fee, cancel permit # LIR.14830, and bill of sale. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while operating with provisional permit. Endorse service bar only.
20. **PATEL, NEIL R. – LIP.15252** Tolland Cordial Shoppe, Tolland, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the provisional liquor permit upon receipt of stipulated agreement for provisional, cancel permit # LIP.12126, bill of sale, seller's affidavit, executed copy of lease or right to occupy, copy of CT sales and use tax permit, and 8x10 photos of the interior to include cash register, coolers, and stocked shelving. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while operating with provisional permit.
21. **SURTI, JAYESHKUMAR – LGB.15035** Mini Mart Food Store, Groton, CT  
The Commission takes no action at this time. File assigned to agent for investigation as it relates to whether it is a bona fide grocery store.
22. **PATEL, KALPESHBHAI J. – LGB.15036** Top Food Mart, Waterbury, CT  
After reconsideration the Commission approves the issuance of the provisional liquor permit upon receipt of stipulated agreement for provisional, \$500.00 fee, cancel permit # LGB.13808, and bill of sale. The Commission approves the request allowing wholesalers to extend credit while operating with provisional permit.
23. **NATH, PRAKASH – LIR.19195** Rainbow Thai, Fairfield, CT  
The Commission takes no action at this time. File assigned to agent to do an investigation as it relates to the square footage of the proposed dining area.
24. **JONES, ROBERT K. – LGB.15031** EZ Market LLC, Norwich, CT  
The Commission takes no action at this time. File assigned to agent. Question as to whether this is a bona fide grocery store and incomplete financial information.

PROVISIONAL PERMIT EXTENSIONS:

25. **BEKHIT, SAMEH S. – LIP.15230** Groton Liquors, Groton, CT  
The Commission approves the request to extend the provisional liquor permit.

FINAL PERMITS:

26. **SULLO, JOSEPH A. – LIR. 19089** Artisanal Burger Company, Manchester, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the final liquor permit upon receipt of copy of CT sales and use tax permit. Endorse patio.
27. **PATEL, NIPUNKUMAR – LGB.15028** Krauszer's, Cromwell, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the final liquor permit upon receipt of publication notice.
28. **RIVERA, CHRISTINA LYNNE – LCA.7669** Caral Lounge, Hartford, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the final liquor permit upon receipt of 8x10 photo of the exterior of the proposed premises, to be taken from a position directly across the street or highway. Endorse one (1) ACB and interior access (common hallway).
29. **DOUGHTY, TIMOTHY JOSEPH – LIP.15186** Premier Wine and Spirits, Fairfield, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the final liquor permit upon receipt of publication notice, bill of sale, cancel permit # LIP.14831, seller's affidavit, copy of CT sales and use tax permit, and completed page 3 sections F & G of the new updated application.
30. **GAVIRIA, PASTORITA – LIR.19056** Braza Bar and Grill, Waterbury, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the final liquor permit. Endorse one (1) ACB.
31. **COUGHLIN, CHRISTOPHER BRADLEY – LMP.9** Forest City Brewing, Middletown, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the final liquor permit upon receipt of local Health Department approval. Endorse interior access (common hallway).
32. **SIGUENZA, VICENTE N. – LIR.19136** Harvest Wine Bar and Restaurant, New Haven, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the final liquor permit upon receipt of publication notice. Endorse patio.
33. **VASQUEZ, ELIZABETH – LIR.19150** El Clasico Bar & Restaurant, Waterbury, CT  
The Commission approves the issuance of the final liquor permit upon receipt of equipment list, copy of CT sales and use tax permit, and 8x10 photo of the exterior of the proposed premises, to be taken from a position directly across the street or highway.
34. **BALLAST POINT SPIRITS LLC – LSL.1552** San Diego, CA  
The Commission approves the issuance of the final liquor permit.

**35. CARRENO, JUAN L. – LIR.19098**

Bistro Mediterranean & Tapas Bar, Westbrook, CT

The Commission approves the issuance of the final liquor permit upon receipt of publication notice and 8x10 photo of lockable storage.

**36. CHEN, DONG – LRW.5113**

Ichiro, Trumbull, CT

The Commission approves the issuance of the final liquor permit. Endorse no bar.

OTHER:

**37. HAYEK, MICHAEL EL – LIR.19182**

American Kitchen (The), New Milford, CT

The Commission approves the request to transfer \$1450.00 from LIR.19182 to LCA.7693. The applicant will owe \$100.00.

**38. WESTBROOK, COLLEEN – LIH.1594**

Courtyard by Marriott, Windsor, CT

The Commission is notified of change in corporate officers as follows:

David J. Grissen as president/Director replacing Robert McCarthy.

Bao Giang Valery Bauduin as Vice President/Director replacing Kevin Kimball.

Bancroft S. Gordon as Secretary.

Carolyn B. Handlon as Treasurer.

Margery A. Breneman as Vice President/Assistant Secretary.

**39. RANDAZZO, NICOLE M. – LIH.1822**

Courtyard by Marriott, Norwalk, CT

The Commission is notified of change in corporate officers as follows:

David J. Grissen as president/Director replacing Robert McCarthy.

Bao Giang Valery Bauduin as Vice President/Director replacing Kevin Kimball.

Bancroft S. Gordon as Secretary.

Carolyn B. Handlon as Treasurer.

Margery A. Breneman as Vice President/Assistant Secretary.

**40. ROMERO, DIEGO – LIH.1821**

Courtyard by Marriott, Wallingford, CT

The Commission is notified of change in corporate officers as follows:

David J. Grissen as president/Director replacing Robert McCarthy.

Bao Giang Valery Bauduin as Vice President/Director replacing Kevin Kimball.

Bancroft S. Gordon as Secretary.

Carolyn B. Handlon as Treasurer.

Margery A. Breneman as Vice President/Assistant Secretary.

**41. BRENEMAN, MARGERY A. – LIH.1728**

Marriott Hotel, Trumbull, CT

The Commission is notified of change in corporate officers as follows:

David J. Grissen as president/Director replacing Robert McCarthy.

Bao Giang Valery Bauduin as Vice President/Director replacing Kevin Kimball.

Bancroft S. Gordon as Secretary.

Carolyn B. Handlon as Treasurer.

Margery A. Breneman as Vice President/Assistant Secretary.

42. **PIERCE, C.DENNIS – LIU.33** University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT  
The Commission is notified and approves of the use of permit # LIU.33 on February 3, 2015, in the School of Business, Room 321.

43. **MCCALL, KEVIN E. – LPC.191** American Legion Post 68, Berlin, CT  
The Commission approves the request to waive the guestbook requirement for February 13, 2015.

Adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Suchy  
Director of Liquor Control  
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