



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

January 11, 2012

REPORT OF THE LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dennis M. Sullivan	Chair	Present	
Robert C. Trane	Vice Chair	Present	
Maryann M. Heuston	Ward Two Alderman	Present	
Omar Boukili	Administrative Asst.	Present	
Eddie Nuzzo	Supt., ISD	Present	
Dave Shapiro	Asst. City Solicitor	Present	

191427 - Sign/Awning Permit, Mr. Crepe, 51 Davis Sq., one sign.:

Mr. Nuzzo will visit the property.

Alderman Heuston's motion that all future applications for signs include a drawing and measurements, was approved.

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

192029 - George O'Shea submitting comments re: George Dilboy Post 529, 371 Summer St., operating a commercial parking lot without a permit.:

See item 192272 (below)

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

192148 - New Fortune Teller License, Stacey Mitchell dba Astrology by Nina, 511 Medford St.:

Attorney Alfred Farese, representing the applicant, stated that the city's zoning ordinances do not mention fortune telling businesses, therefore, regulation would be by the state, and to deny the application would be unconstitutional. Mr. Shapiro explained that the Planning Department is working out the zoning allowance for the proposed use and he discussed the relationship between

the licensing and zoning aspects of this application. Alderman Trane expressed his concern regarding the applicant's reputation and experiences in other communities.

The application was approved with the following conditions:

1. license is subject to the pending review and approval of the Planning Department,
2. hours of operation shall be 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Monday - Saturday and 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM on Sunday,
3. no residential living activity permitted on premises, only business activity allowed.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

192194 - Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Smart Tan, 258 Elm St., 1 A-frame sign.:

RESULT: KEPT IN COMMITTEE

192272 - New Outdoor Parking License, George Dilboy Post 529 VFW, 371 Summer St., 30 autos.:

Mr. Nuzzo discussed his review of the property and informed the members that since 1960, the Dilboy Post has been donating 15 parking spots to the Somerville Police Department for use during shift changes and that the use is grand-fathered. Mr. O'Shea cited statutes that he believes are being violated and Claudia Morrow expressed concern that the city is being secretive and clandestine with regard to this matter and feels that the city should be receiving payment from the Post for operating a parking lot. Mr. Shapiro offered his opinion that the license may be approved conditioned on compliance with the law.

The item was approved with the condition that all applicable laws are complied with.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

192319 - That the City Clerk notify the holder of the license for G E Auto Repair to appear before the Committee on Licenses and Permits to discuss the terms of the license.:

The proprietors of Mass Auto Brokers and GE Auto Repair appeared before the committee to discuss the parking and storage of vehicles at the respective businesses. Since both businesses share a common address, both of the previously approved licenses (item # 191208 and 192089) were amended, as follows:

GE Auto Repair (#191208): 0 vehicles outside, 9 vehicles inside

Mass Auto Brokers (#192089): 4 vehicles outside, 5 vehicles inside

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED